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ligh Court dismisses Grunwick claim against Acas report

ord Chief Justice yesterday ied a claim in the High Court Grunwick company that a on its industrial dispute, ed by the Advisory, Con- n and Arbitration Service , should be declared void.

Acas had recommended that Grunwick should accept the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff as a suitable union for collective bargaining in the company. Grunwick is to appeal.

Mr Ward says he will fight on

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ling a reference during day hearing to the list loyees as the last card Ward's hand, the Lord Chief Justice said Mr Ward might have done himself great harm by refusing to play it.

"If he had handed over the list in December Acas would have made an attempt to discover the opinions of the two thirds of the company's employees who had stayed at work. It is at least possible that the result would have favoured Mr Ward, perhaps heavily."

Lord Widgery rejected Grunwick's contention that the dismissed strikers could no longer be legally recognized as workers concerned with the dispute. They were workers "in view of their desire to return to work for the plaintiff" and had previously held contracts of employment with Grunwick.

He also regarded the Acas questionnaire as a properly conducted formal ballot consistent with the service's wide terms of discretion under the Employment Protection Act. Definitions of "formal ballot" and "worker" had been central to Grunwick's legal argument.

Acas could not be expected to display "extreme refinements of market research factors" in its ballot, and its conclusions could be questioned only if it had misdirected itself, Lord Widgery added.

Acas had been right to take the strikers' opinions into account. "I have no doubt that the men and women in question are workers to whom the issue relates in view of their desire to return to work with Grunwick", he said. Acas's admitted failure to consider the other workers' opinions was due to factors outside its control. They did not provide grounds for nullifying the report.

Lord Widgery traced the chronology of the dispute, with repeated requests from Acas that Grunwick should cooperate with its inquiry. "Once Acas had decided not to wait longer for Mr Ward to deliver the list, it was their duty to look for all other methods of testing the relevant worker opinion", he said.

He did not wish to criticize Mr Ward, "who, though occasionally misguided, has shown great determination in the face of serious problems".

Grunwick was ordered to pay costs to Acas and Apex, estimated at £7,000.

Mr Ward, who looked downcast as he listened to the judgment with Mr John Gorst, Conservative MP for Barnet, Hendon North, said afterwards that he would refer the case on legal advice to the Court of Appeal and, if necessary, to the House of Lords. "It is not the end of the road, it is only the beginning", he added.

Mr Roy Grantham, general secretary of Apex, called the High Court ruling "a splendid victory".

Mr James Mortimer, chairman of Acas, said he hoped that the judgment would clear a way for the resolution of the dispute.

The Prince of Wales leaving New Printing House Square, London, after visiting editorial departments of "The Times" and "The Sunday Times". Another photograph, page 18.

Writing on shells tells a tale in Lebanon

From Robert Fisk
Taibe, southern Lebanon
July 12

It was just before 1 pm when the first shells landed to the west of Nabatea, three slightly muffled explosions which a stranger might have mistaken for a distant thunderstorm had the few shopkeepers still open not hurriedly rattled down their metal shutters in the main street.

In the Andalos restaurant—a corner store with three dining tables and a fading colour photograph of Brigitte Bardot on the wall—the young proprietor served the beers rather quicker than he might normally have done and seemed preoccupied with cooking the roast chicken.

Nabatea is shelled by the Lebanese Christian Phalangists almost every day and night with artillery missiles that rarely kill or injure anyone but which, when they have exploded, bear on their fragmented shell the unmistakable signs of their origin: Hebrew script. Everyone in Nabatea tells you that it is the Israelis, 10 miles away, who are responsible for the shelling although the Lebanese Christian armoury consists almost exclusively of Israeli equipment and no one really knows the nationality of the gunners.

The bombardment of Nabatea lasts half an hour and for several minutes afterwards smoke can be watched rising from the fields outside the town. Only three or four hundred of Nabatea's population of 10,000 still remain in their homes; most have fled as refugees to Beirut or Sidon. They stand in their doorways to escape the shell splinters as most people would go indoors to avoid a shower of rain.

Anyone who doubts that the Israelis are supplying the Lebanese Christians with arms—and such people still exist—has only to drive along the narrow mountain road south of Nabatea to the hot, hilltop village of Derdghaya where the Palestinian guerrillas in this part of southern Lebanon have their forward headquarters.

In the converted nave of a Greek Orthodox church are piled several tons of ammunition, shells and mortars captured from the Christians when the village of Taibe fell to the Palestinians last April.

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Paper fined £1,000 for 'profane poem'

By Ian Bradley

Gay News, the homosexuals' newspaper, was fined £1,000 and Denis Lemon, its editor, was given a suspended prison sentence of nine months and fined £500 at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. They were convicted on Monday of blasphemous libel in a prosecution originally brought by Mrs Mary Whitehouse and taken over by the Crown.

The case concerned a poem the newspaper published. It was written as if by a homosexual Roman centurion describing his feelings towards Christ after the crucifixion.

Judge King-Hamilton, QC, passing sentence yesterday, praised the moral courage of the jury who found Mr Lemon and the paper guilty by a majority of 10 to two. He said: "It is perhaps being a little too optimistic in this era of obscenity but it is possible to hope that by this verdict the pendulum of public opinion is beginning to swing back to a more healthy climate.

"Although I sometimes read poetry and as a rule like what I read, I do not profess to be a judge of it and therefore would not presume to express an opinion as to whether this particular poem is a good one, a bad one or an indifferent one.

"But I have no doubt whatever, and apparently 10 of the jury agree with me, that this poem is quite appalling and it contains the most scurrilous profanity, and I hope never to see the like of it again."

Mr Lemon, who was also ordered to pay a fifth of the prosecution costs, said he would fight the verdict in the appeal courts "all the way to Europe".

Mr Lemon, who said the newspaper had a £21,000 fighting fund, maintained that the jury was not allowed to hear evidence that would have established the poem as a "sincere and legitimate Christian speculation."

The Campaign for Homosexual Equality said last night: "The use of archaic blasphemy laws in a multiracial society appears to be one further step towards totalitarian values."

Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Labour MP for Cannock, described the sentences as scandalous.

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President Carter puts off final decision on neutron bomb

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, July 12

President Carter has asked Congress to vote funds for the development of the neutron bomb, but has not yet decided whether to have it deployed in Europe. He told a press conference this afternoon that before reaching a final decision he would have a complete examination of the weapon's effects and uses carried out, and submit the results to Congress.

The neutron, or enhanced radiation bomb, has been discussed as a possible weapon for at least 20 years. The Pentagon recently decided to see if it is feasible and put it into the budget, where it was discovered recently.

The final cost of developing a weapons system using a neutron bomb on a Lance missile might cost anything between $600m (£350m) and $1,000m. A neutron warhead was tested underground last week in Nevada.

Neutron bombs are very small fusion bombs, with yields of anything down to 50 tons. Exploded in the air above the target, they do very little material damage but release large quantities of neutrons which kill people by destroying their blood cells.

Supporters of the weapon claim that it can therefore be used in central Europe to defeat a Russian invasion without destroying Germany in the process.

Its opponents, such as Mr Herbert Scoville of the Arms Control Association (and a former technical director of special weapons projects at the Pentagon and deputy director of the CIA), argue that if American forces in Europe are equipped with neutron bombs, the President might be much more ready to cross the nuclear threshold in the event of war.

Mr Scoville says that the Russians will not make any distinction between various sorts of nuclear devices, and that once a neutron bomb is used it will immediately unleash a full nuclear war. He, and others like him, also object to what they call the "super-capitalist" aspect of the neutron bomb, which spares property while killing and maiming people.

Mr Carter was asked about the effects on the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (Salt) of any decision on the development of the neutron bomb, and replied that since it was solely a tactical weapon, it would not enter into talks on strategic arms.

The President's drive to limit the dangers of nuclear proliferation by abandoning the development of an American fast breeder reactor has suffered a new setback in Congress.

By 49 votes to 38, the Senate last night rejected a motion sponsored by the President's supporters which would have effectively killed the project. Instead, it approved a compromise which would delay construction for a year but enable research to continue at its present pace.

Healey ts his ms on pay TUC

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Editor
aley and senior Cabinet s last night named rms for continuing the ent's special relation- th the unions. They that pay restraint must nged for another year rve the social contract. ers of the TUC's c committee conveyed Chancellor the mis- about wage controls e 5 per cent phase two policy begins to expire ugust 1.

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Tories show a taste for confrontation

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

For those with weak stomachs the Tory benches in the Commons yesterday would not have seemed a pretty sight. With Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, confirming that the Government intends to change the laws on picketing, with Mr Callaghan urging that 20 per cent wage claims would be a tragedy for Britain's economic prospects, and with Mr Varley urging caution to avoid a national postal strike, certain amounts of support from the Opposition might have been expected.

But with the exception of Mr Prior and Mr Hayhoe, the Conservatives' spokesmen on employment, the clamour for confrontation seems to be gaining favour in the Tory ranks. The Prime Minister brought loud cheers from the Labour benches when he told the House it would be tragic, when the rate of inflation was about to turn down, that people should be talking about 20 per cent wage claims.

If that became a reality, in a vain attempt to recover the ground lost last year, the government could in no circumstances maintain its intention of securing a return to a level of inflation no greater than that of our main competitors.

He urged Mr John Gorst, the Tory MP advising Mr Ward to use his influence to get the company to comply with the findings.

The Prime Minister went on to appeal to Mr Ward, managing director of Grunwick Processing Laboratories, to accept the verdict of the High Court and open negotiations with the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex), as the Lord Chief Justice recommended.

The Prime Minister added that Mr Ward had the right of appeal, but he hoped he would consider the consequences of doing that. He also urged Apex to end the mass picketing.

Sir Keith Joseph, however, seemed to be doing his best to halt the nation's postal services. He urged Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, to order the postmen to handle mail now strikebound at Cricklewood sorting office. Mr Varley said that would make matters worse.

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EEC plans code of conduct for S Africa trade

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, July 12

In a move designed to enhance the EEC's credibility in the eyes of black African states, foreign ministers of the Nine agreed here today to examine the possibility of drawing up a code of conduct for European companies operating in South Africa.

The idea of a code of conduct, along with a general study of policy towards South Africa, will be pursued by officials of member governments and the European Commission who will report back to foreign ministers when they hold their next monthly council meeting in Brussels on July 25 and 26.

The intention is that the Council of Ministers should then agree on a position to be adopted jointly by the EEC at an international conference on apartheid which is being organized by the Nigerian Government in Lagos at the end of August with the backing of the United Nations.

Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, who appears to have been the principal author of the latest initiative, said that discussions on the proposed code of conduct would concentrate on the marked differences in wage levels and conditions of work of blacks and whites in South Africa and on trade union recognition.

Officials would in addition be looking at the aids granted by member governments to investment in South Africa and whether it might not be possible to establish a more rational policy. The possibility of seeking concerted action by international oil companies to prevent Rhodesian "sanctions busting" by their South African subsidiaries could also be examined.

Despite the considerable legal and technical difficulties involved, Dr Owen said there had been a striking degree of agreement at the meeting that the EEC as a whole had a much better chance of pursuing an effective policy of this kind than member states acting individually.

"We have an unrivalled opportunity to take up our economic inheritance in South Africa and use it as a catalyst for change", Dr Owen maintained. The EEC had real leverage and should apply it in a sensible way by "extending the political arm of its economic power".

Behind today's move was a general acceptance by ministers that if the EEC is to retain the confidence of black African states it must offer more than purely verbal condemnations of apartheid. Otherwise there would be growing pressure for much more dramatic action under the United Nations Charter involving mandatory sanctions and a policy of full-scale ostracization and isolation of South Africa.

All the ministers agreed that there was still just time, although it was fast running out, for peaceful, evolutionary change in South Africa, and that this process would not be advanced by resort now to the ultimate weapon of economic sanctions.

Lady Churchill taken ill

Lady Spencer-Churchill, aged 92, is ill, it was learnt yesterday. She has had to postpone a visit to the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Ex-Servicemen, Richmond upon Thames, tomorrow.

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How peseta fall will aid holidays

By Patricia Tisdall

Hopes that big cuts in wine and holiday prices would result from the devaluation of the peseta faded yesterday as suppliers spelled out the arithmetic behind their prices.

The Spanish government's devaluation of almost 20 per cent will boost some tour holiday operators' internal finances. But because almost all the big package holiday operators are offering fixed price guarantees, most of the savings will not be passed on until next summer. Holidaymakers, however, will find the pound worth nearly 150 pesetas compared with 119 last week.

As it is estimated that the average family spends between £100 and £150 in foreign currency on holiday in addition to the tour price, the savings here could be up to £30.

Devaluation will make Spanish wine, which already accounts for more than 17 per cent of the table wine consumed in Britain more competitive with supplies from Italy and France.

However, the effect on retail prices is unlikely to do more than prevent a recent growers' price rise from being passed on, according to a spokesman for Grants of St James's whose Don Cortez and Nicolas brand wines are among the market's biggest.

Sherry prices are also expected to show little direct reduction.

The devaluation will also give scope for an intensification of the existing discounts available for late holiday bookings.

Mr Francis Higgins, assistant managing director of Thomson Travel, largest of the tour operators, said yesterday that the company still had 30,000 unsold summer holidays in Spain.

He did not rule out the possibility of extra price incentives to take up excess capacity.

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Smith challenge on fate of Rhodesia talks

A Rhodesian Government spokesman has challenged a weekend statement by the British and American emissaries that their talks on a constitutional settlement had gone very well. "Quite the reverse", the spokesman said, accusing the British Government of trying to lean over backwards to meet the demands of the Patriotic Front. He also said that there was no agreement on any transitional government in Rhodesia "being controlled or managed by the British Government"

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Student credits

Students on first degree and Diploma of Higher Education courses validated by the Council for National Academic Awards will get credit transfers if they wish to complete their studies with the Open University. Likewise Open University students may transfer to CNAA courses while retaining credits

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Fiat man's ransom

A $2m (about £1.2m) ransom was handed over in the centre of Geneva last Friday for the release of Signor Revelli-Beaumont, the kidnapped head of Fiat in France.

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Elections plan for House of Lords

Fundamental reform of the House of Lords is the only immediately practicable way of safeguarding basic human rights threatened by Commons supremacy, Lord Carrington, Leader of the Opposition in the Lords, thinks. He wants the Upper House elected by proportional representation

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Concorde standards

The New York port authority has submitted fresh evidence to explain its continued ban on Concorde. It admitted that Concorde would probably meet its noise level standards but its decision hinged on a number of other factors. It named low frequency noise and vibration for which there were no accepted standards

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Hijackers surrender

Two young Russians who hijacked an Aeroflot airliner to Helsinki are awaiting extradition to the Soviet Union after surrendering at the airport.

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England win second Test match

Michael Brearley was chosen to captain England for the rest of the Test series against Australia, after England's nine wickets victory in the second match, at Old Trafford.

At the Oval, John Edrich, the Surrey captain, scored his hundredth century in first-class cricket.

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Wages free-for-all is long-term threat to rail, minister declares

From Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter
Ayr

A fresh warning of a price explosion unless the return to free collective bargaining is "phased and orderly" was given yesterday by Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport.

He told the annual conference of the National Union of Railwaymen, at Ayr, that thousands of railway jobs would be at stake if a wages free-for-all led to an upsurge of costs. The last thing any government could do would be to print money to meet the consequent growing deficit.

"Inevitably the railway services would have to be cut back, inflicting the kind of long-term damage on the system that my White Paper has striven to avoid."

Mr Rodgers was intensely questioned by delegates on his recent transport White Paper. His speech to the conference was condemned by a delegate as the "finest requiem Mass for the railways I have ever heard".

The minister said the Government could not succeed in countering inflation without the continuing loyalty, judgment and common sense of those who contributed to and benefited from the nation's wellbeing.

"The challenge at this time is not simply to the Government's capacity to stay on course but to the nation's will to ensure that Britain's economic recovery is achieved."

He insisted that the Government had every intention of continuing in office until 1979. Virtually every economic indicator apart from unemployment "is going our way".

Delegates received no comfort from Mr Rodgers in demands for increased railway investment. After his speech he was challenged to deny that present investment levels would cause a gradual reduction in the 11,000-mile network.

He said there might be more money from the early 1980s but a huge or sudden increase would not make sense, since it took time to plan how to spend extra money. Present investment of £250m a year between now and 1981 was not small beer.

"I hope soon to announce my approval of a rolling programme for locomotives", he said. "It will provide a basic workload for the workshops up to 1982. Each year that programme will be reviewed and rolled forward."

A motion has been tabled before the conference expressing concern at the "significant increase" of allegations that union members have been drinking on duty.

Mr David Bowman, NUR president, said yesterday that for the first time the union had met British Rail to discuss the matter. "We want BR to deal with drunkenness as the sickness it is, and not a crime."

British Rail said that between 1970 and 1974 there had been 800 disciplinary cases from drinking.

Mr Russell Tuck, the union's acting general secretary, said a man should not be dismissed solely because he was caught drinking. "It is an illness and BR has been slow to realize that."

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Nalgo loses appeal over court ban on strike

The National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) failed yesterday in its appeal in Edinburgh against a court order granted in March prohibiting it from holding a one-day strike in protest against government cuts. The order also prohibited it from putting into effect the strike call on any later date.

The First Division of the Court of Session also refused the union leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

The union had appealed against the interim interdict granted by Lord Cameron on March 8, when he held that the union's conference in January had no power to issue the strike instruction to members.

Lord Emslie, the Lord President, said the petition was brought by seven members of the union, who maintained that a substantial majority of members opposed the proposed strike. He found nothing in the union's constitution empowering its conference to initiate strike action by an instruction binding on members. The plain intention of the constitution was to give the important function of ordering and authorizing strike action to the executive council. Except in special circumstances, members had the right to express their views in a secret ballot before a decision to strike was taken.

Lord Avonside said it was abundantly plain that at no stage was the national executive committee or emergency committee consulted. The whole affair was taken out of their hands and no ballot was taken.

Lord Johnston also agreed that the appeal should be refused.

"Loyalist" women in Belfast's big "Twelfth" parade

Orange Order leaders criticized at 'Twelfth' celebration in Ulster

From Stewart Tendler
Belfast

The political speeches from "loyalist" leaders at Northern Ireland's annual celebrations of the battle of the Boyne were almost as varied as the repertoires of the hundreds of bands taking part in marches yesterday.

Rancour against the leadership of the Orange Order remains over its stand against the recent abortive strike. Mr Ernest Baird, leader of the United Ulster Unionist Movement and a leading figure in the strike, said the order's leaders had been less than honest with members over sharing power and where they stood on that issue. He said there was a danger that power-sharing would be imposed on any form of administrative devolution now being discussed.

Mr Thomas Passmore, grand master of the order in Belfast, criticized the strike organizers. He said that no one should have anything to do with home rule, whether it came in the shape of Ulster nationalism or independence. At the time of the strike several organizers were accused of fomenting the action to achieve some form of independence.

Mr Passmore and the Rev Martin Smyth, the order's imperial grand master, rejected criticisms that the order was losing support. Mr Smyth said there had been attempts to create a campaign and cause friction and schisms within the order.

He said that for the first time since 1969 he saw hope because the world no longer accepted the lie that the Protestants were victimizing the Roman Catholic minority. However, he gave a warning against what he called inverted discrimination in favour of Roman Catholics. He explained that he meant such things as biased educational policies.

The Rev Ian Paisley, addressing the independent Orangemen, warned them of a conspiracy to ruin security measures.

Mr William Craig, MP for Belfast, East, and leader of the Vanguard Unionists, called for unity in the midst of all the divergent views. He said the loyalist community and its leadership were not trying hard enough to find ways of ensuring constitutional stability. If the loyalists were united they could put pressure on Westminster to find new initiatives. He spoke in sadness of the demise of the single Unionist Party.

None of the speeches challenged the accepted tenets of loyalist policy. Most speakers reasserted the stand against a united Ireland.

There was little comment about the prospect of administrative devolution, although Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the six Ulster Unionist MPs at Westminster, pointed out that much could be achieved in the next six months if the Ulster people called for more positive politics than the present "tive slanging matches" bet politicians.

The 19 marches in Nort Ireland yesterday attracte estimated 100,000 marchers thousands of spectators, in ing Mr Mason, Secretar State for Northern Ireland discreetly watched the la march, held in Belfast.

Provisional Sinn Fein yesterday that demonstra would be held during Queen's silver jubilee vis Ulster in August. "We give her a day to reme and we will give the wo press a day to enjoy."

It added: "Sinn Fein other anti-imperialists wil organizing protest action highlight our opposition to Queen viewing the 'nat and treating us as her subje

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There are no plans for "abouts" or street tours.

A family of four were hostage at home in west Be yesterday by four men a woman who set up a am position. The gunmen fire troops in a Land-Rover bu a passing car. The bullet st the door of the car, but driver and passenger were injured. The gunmen drove in a car belonging to the l ages.

Staff organizations ask to see Chancellor

By Tim Jones
Labour Reporter

Organizations representing more than 220,000 professional and salaried people have asked to meet the Chancellor of the Exchequer to explain their growing concern over the effects of flat-rate income restraint on their members.

None of the organizations, representing scientists, doctors, bank staff and engineers, is affiliated to the TUC and their entry into the arena will add to the difficulties faced by Mr Healey in trying to reach an agreement limiting wage rises to a maximum of 10 per cent.

One of the six organizations concerned, the Confederation of Bank Staff Associations, has announced its intention of forgoing a phase-two, 5 per cent claim in the hope of achieving a better deal for its 87,000 members when the income policy ends on July 31.

Mr Wilfred Asptnall, the union's general secretary, rejects the view that his members, who were to have settled on the first of this month, are breaking the 12-month rule by delaying their claim.

He points out that his union was never a party to the social contract; it was not consulted over Phases One and Two, and negotiations for any further stage will probably involve only the TUC.

In a letter to the Chancellor, the organizations state. "As the result of the unfair application of incomes policy, many of our members have suffered a far greater reduction in their real incomes than other groups with comparable earnings during that period before the policy was introduced.

"We recognize that a simplistic incomes policy is bound to result in a certain amount of rough-and-ready justice. In the interests of the nation's economy, they could have accepted the loss of the money they otherwise would have received if they had been treated fairly.

"However, the amount by which many of our members' real incomes have been allowed to fall behind those with comparable earnings in 1975 is now so great that there is widespread anxiety that the Government may find it impossible to restore their position unless very early steps are taken."

Closed shop not the aim, Apex chief says

By Robert Parker

Mr Roy Grantham, general secretary of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex), the union seeking recognition at the Grunwick film processing laboratory, denied yesterday that he wanted to establish a closed shop at the factory or that recognition would inevitably lead to it. Nor did he want to close the factory.

Giving evidence at the court of inquiry into the dispute, Mr Grantham said the union had had to resort to picketing and blacking of essential supplies in order to balance the stubbornness of the company's opposition to the union.

Defending his efforts to involve other unions, such as the Post Office workers, only two or three weeks after the original walk-out on August 23 last year, Mr Grantham said: "It was fairly clear that we were dealing with a most unusual employer, a very hard, reactionary employer, determined to have his own way."

Mr Grantham, cross-examined by Mr Mervyn Heald, QC, for Grunwick, emphasized that the union had tried every available channel open to it to negotiate and to resolve the dispute. He said the company had been completely intractable.

Mr Grantham suggested that in November Mr George Ward, the managing director, had put pressure on his workforce to vote against having a union during a poll that was being arranged by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas).

At the end of the week before the ballot should have taken place Mr Ward had given a 16 per cent pay increase to all employees. That had been "clearly designed to influence them" in their response to the poll, Mr Grantham said.

Similar allegations were made at the inquiry by Mr Rasheed Mohamed, an assistant accountant with the company, about another ballot conducted by an independent opinion poll company inside the factory. Only two of the 260 people balloted said they wanted the union.

Mr Mohamed said Mr Ward had put pressure on people not to vote for a union. He himself had voted against a union, partly because "my life would have been made hell" if he had. He said workers had been told that it was possible to find out which way they voted.

Mr Mohamed said one person who did vote for the unions had his life made a misery.

Mrs Jayaben Desai, whose walk-out, with that of her son and five other Asians, marked the beginning of the dispute said she and others had often worked from 7 am to 10 pm last summer. Although some complained about having to do overtime she did not mind on most occasions. But a petition had been drawn up asking for permission not to have to work after 7 pm for a period of 10 days last summer because of a Hindu religious festival. Permission had been refused.

She said Mr Alden, supervisor of the mail order department, made people ask permission to go to the lavatory, and that in the heat of the summer, when the air-conditioning was not working, he would not allow the door to be open.

The inquiry continues tomorrow, at the Piccadilly Hotel.

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Children's day opens royal Yorkshire tour

From Penny Symon
Leeds

The organizers of the Queen's jubilee tour of Humberside and Yorkshire have obviously decided that schoolchildren should dominate the proceedings. On the first day yesterday 500,000 of them turned out under grey skies and intermittent drizzle.

They danced and demonstrated athletics and other activities; one was rewarded by being "crowned" by the Queen.

Brigg, in Humberside, was the first town to put its well rehearsed children on display. The town is proud of its history, and the pageant recreated the ancient Brigg Horse Fair and the Lady Day Hiring Fair.

The former continues in condensed form, but the latter, where groups of farmworkers, desperate for employment, would stand in the hope of being noticed by potential employers, lapsed with the advent of employment exchanges.

A small boy named Mark Phillips, no relation, but who does enjoy horseriding, wrote a poem that was included in the official programme, and was disappointed not to meet the Queen.

However, a meeting was engineered between the Queen and Miss Annie Dickinson, aged 85, and her sister Isabella, aged 83, who used to be housemaids at Buckingham Palace for George V.

The Queen was the first reigning monarch to visit Brigg.

She lunched at Doncaster racecourse, but had to cut out the sweet course and coffee because her tour was running an hour later.

At Maltby comprehensive school a small girl accompanied by a page carrying an imitation crown on a velvet cushion asked the Queen to "crown" her. The girl, Allison Callan, aged 10, was taken aback when her Majesty did so.

On the sports field the children's displays included a group of tiny and very cold girls dancing in Hawaiian and Tahitian style.

In Sheffield there was a fleeting glimpse of dissent in the form of a large banner draped over a part of a block of flats reading: "Close Buckingham Palace, open Hallamshire now"—a reference to the delay in opening a new local hospital.

There were more performing children at Hillsborough Park, Sheffield, and Cannon Hall country park, near Barnsley.

Yesterday's tour gave Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, a rest from the rigours of the Grunwick dispute. He is officially the minister in attendance when the Queen tours in England, but his more pressing work prevents him from being there every time.

Yesterday, however, was an exception and the Queen and he thought it would be a pleasant idea if he joined the tour.

Mr Rees flew from London on Monday evening, after making his Grunwick statement in the Commons, and stayed overnight in the royal yacht Britannia. He will return to London today.

At Brigg, Mr Rees joked: "There have not to be nice things to go with this job!"

Last night the Queen dined in Leeds Civic Hall and attended a reception in the Town Hall. Today she will visit Wakefield, see a pageant of youth at Elland Road football ground, Leeds, and the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate, before returning to Humberside to embark in the Britannia.

Resistance to change at gallery

Fears that improvem planned for the Nati Gallery will adversely af the appearance of the buil were expressed yesterday the GLC's Historic Build Committee.

The work, estimated to between £1m and £1.5m, w provide the gallery with air-conditioning and heat and a better lecture thea public restaurant and kitch

The GLC committee plains that the symmetry the building would destroyed.

Top Welsh oper jobs to end

Mr Michael Jeliot, age artistic director of the National Opera and Company, and Mr Mowat, aged 52, the manager, are discussing a posal to end their jobs. salaries total £17,000.

The Welsh Arts Council cized the drama wing of company four months ago halved its grant, saying it not giving value for money.

Research unit to close

The research unit of t General Nursing Council, wh is financed by a grant from t Department of Health a Social Security, will close wh its present projects end

Boxing coach's death

The Northumbria Poli Authority decided yesterday meet the action commit campaigning for a pub inquiry into the death of Liddle Towers, a boxing coa last year.

Police-pay body members to be announced soon

Membership of the review body on police pay and conditions will be announced soon. Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, told the Commons yesterday.

The body will review matters dealt with by the Police Council on pay and conditions. It will study the interests and responsibilities of recognized police representative bodies and of the Government and police authorities for managing and financing the police.

The special position of the service as "a disciplined body responsible for maintaining law and order" will also be reviewed.

The Government's decision follows undertakings to examine unrest among police officers.

Mr Millan was speaking in a debate, on crime, initiated by the Conservatives, whose deputy leader, Mr Whitelaw, said a Conservative government would spend more money on the police as a priority.

They would ensure salaries to give the police a position that their value to society deserved.

Mr Millan added that the police review body was due to report in September.

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Pickets involved in newspaper dispute fined

Miss Scylla Riley-Lord, chairman of the magistrates at Darlington, co Durham, yesterday criticized intelligent people who put the police in an "intolerable position" during picketing outside the Darlington offices of North of England Newspapers.

Ten cases were heard and seven people were fined a total of £140 with £70 costs for obstructing the highway.

Mr Michael Duggan, the strike leader, said later that Miss Riley-Lord's remarks were unfortunate in view of the fact that three pickets had been acquitted and many more remained to be dealt with.

More than a hundred journalists working on the *Northern Echo* and *Evening Despatch* at Darlington and weekly papers in the *Durham Advertiser* series have been on strike for six weeks over a closed-shop issue.

Pining girl gets mother freed

The Court of Appeal yesterday freed from prison Mrs Sylvia Dugdale, aged 24, after hearing that her daughter, Hayley, aged three, had been pining for her.

Mrs Dugdale, of Lusher Rise, Norwich, who had served six weeks of a six-month sentence for shoplifting, said afterwards that she had been praying to be freed.

Cruises to Southend

Londoners' cruises to Southend, the first since the 1960s, restart tomorrow. For £5 return P & A Campbell's Devonia will sail daily, except Mondays, leaving Tower Pier 10 am, Greenwich Pier 10.30, due Southend 13.40.

Grunwick mail cleared by freedom group volunteers

While pickets slept and Post Office sorters kept vigil elsewhere, Grunwick's back log of a thousand sacks of outgoing mail was cleared from its north-west London factory at the weekend, the National Association for Freedom disclosed yesterday.

"Operation Pony Express" began at 1 am on Saturday when 25 volunteers from the association loaded the sacks, containing processed films worth about £250,000 to the company, into two articulated lorries. With the approval of Mr George Ward, managing director of Grunwick, and the sanction of the police the lorries were driven to a depot 60 miles north of London, where postage stamps were stuck to each of the 100,000 packages by more supporters working through the day.

The packages were transferred to vans and cars at prearranged pick-up points and eventually found their way into letter boxes from Preston to Plymouth, despite clearly identifiable Grunwick envelopes. The association expected more than three quarters of the films to reach their destinations.

"We have already received a dozen dummy Grunwick packets at our headquarters" Mr John Gourlet, director of the association, said delightedly. Although the operation required military precision, Mr Gourlet and Mr Robert Moss, his fellow director, were at pains to play down any militaristic overtones to their action.

They called it "a normal, civic-minded response to enable Grunwick to exercise its legal right to make use of the Post Office monopoly". Secrecy had been preserved among the association's 250 supporters involved in the nationwide manoeuvre, Mr Gourlet said, because "what one needs in this sort of thing is a few good men".

Now that the packages were in transit, the association argued, the Post Office was bound by law to deliver them. "If the Post Office fails to carry out its statutory duty, Grunwick could be obliged to bring legal action to ensure the delivery of its mail." Mr Moss saw Grunwick as the hapless animal of the French proverb which, when attacked, defends itself.

Call for checks on Windscale residents

From a Special Correspondent
Whitehaven

People living near the nuclear plant at Windscale, Cumbria, should be subjected to medical checks to ascertain their levels of exposure to radiation. That suggestion was made at the inquiry yesterday by Dr Peter Wynn, of the Network for Nuclear Concern, a group of environmental organizations that are objecting to British Nuclear Fuels plans for oxide reprocessing and support site services at Windscale.

Dr Wynn told the inquiry that he wanted to see local people, particularly those in critical groups, such as heavy fish-eaters, undergoing direct body checks. He made his suggestion during cross-examination of Mr Peter Mummery, health and safety director of BNF, who said there has been discussions as to whether it would be desirable for the public to be subjected to such examination.

Mr Mummery was confident that such a survey would show that any exposure to the public from discharges from Windscale was well within the dose limits laid down by the International Commission for Radiological Protection (ICRP).

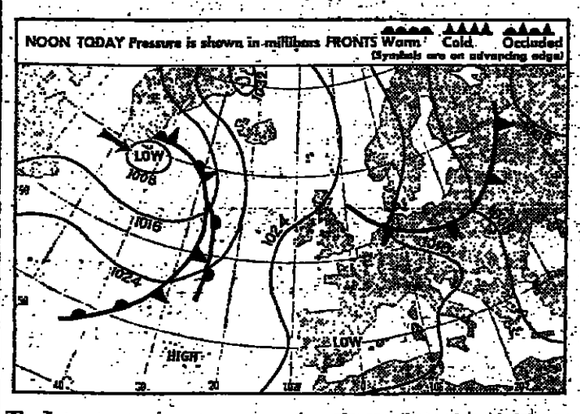
It was considered unnecessary because it was thought that the existing arrangements were adequate.

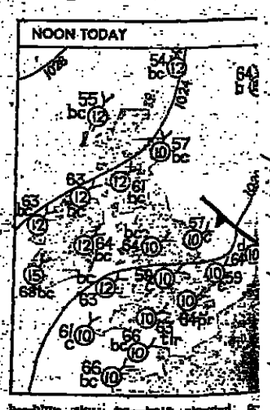
Earlier in his statement to the inquiry Mr Mummery had explained that the effectiveness of dose limitations on members of the general public was checked not by monitoring individuals but by assessment through sampling procedures in the environment, statistical calculations and the monitoring and control of sources from which exposure was expected to arise.

It was announced yesterday that there had been another incident at the Windscale plant. Installed monitors in the operation area of the plutonium finishing plant had gone into alarm, and three of the staff in the immediate vicinity left the area. Whole-body monitor checks on the three men, and two others in an adjacent area, confirmed that there was no uptake of plutonium above normal levels.

The incident occurred on Saturday afternoon and was caused by a small spillage of liquor. The affected area has been decontaminated.

Weather forecast and recordings





b—blue sky; bc—half clouded; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; pr—periodical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 4.58 am. Sun sets: 9.14 pm.
Moon rises: 2.52 am. Moon sets: 6.41 pm.
New moon: July 16.
Lighting up: 9.44 pm to 4.30 am.
High water: London Bridge, 12.36 am, 6.3m (20.5ft); 1.4 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft). Avonmouth, 5.49 am, 10.8m (35.5ft); 6.8 pm, 11.2m (36.6ft). Dover, 10.16 am, 5.6m (18.5ft); 10.37 pm, 5.6m (18.5ft). Hull, 4.55 am, 6.1m (20.1ft); 5.19 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Liverpool, 10.16 am, 7.9m (25.9ft); 10.40 pm, 8.2m (26.8ft).

A thundery trough is slow moving over the English Channel. A cloudy NE airstream covers the United Kingdom.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S, SW England, Channel Islands: Cloudy, thundery rain in places, sunny intervals later; wind NE, mainly light; max temp 20°C (68°F).

East Anglia, E, NE England: Cloudy, occasional drizzle, becoming brighter; wind NE, moderate; max temp 17°C 63°F.

Midlands, Wales, NW, Central, N England: Cloudy, a little rain in places, becoming brighter; wind NE, moderate; max temp 19°C (66°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Dry, cloudy, sunny intervals developing; wind NE, moderate; max temp 21°C (70°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Dry, bright or sunny intervals; wind NE, moderate; max temp 16°C (61°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Dry, sunny intervals; wind N, fresh; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Dry, sunny periods, generally warm.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NE moderate; sea slight.

English Channel (E): Wind E, light; sea smooth.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 22°C (72°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 14°C (57°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 64 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 6.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,018.9 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Akrotiri	s	30	86	Chicago	f	31	88	L Angeles	f	23	73	New York	r	23	73
Algiers	c	26	79	Cologne	f	28	82	Lisbon	f	24	75	Nice	s	28	82
Amsterdm	s	21	70	Copenhagn	s	25	77	Locarno	s	27	81	Oslo	f	26	79
Athens	f	29	84	Dublin	c	19	66	London	s	19	66	Paris	s	28	82
Barcelona	s	26	79	Florence	s	29	84	Luxembrg	f	28	82	Rome	s	29	84
Berlin	s	26	79	Funchal	f	21	70	Madrid	s	27	81	Reykjavik	c	11	52
Bermuda	s	28	82	Geneva	s	25	77	Majorca	s	27	81	Stockholm	f	21	70
Biarritz	f	22	72	Gibraltar	s	29	84	Malaga	s	26	79	Tel Aviv	s	29	84
Birmghm	c	15	59	Guernsey	c	17	63	Malta	s	30	86	Toronto	f	19	66
Bristol	f	16	61	Helsinki	c	17	63	Miami	s	34	93	Venice	s	28	82
Brussels	s	24	75	Innsbruck	s	23	73	Moscow	c	16	61	Vienna	s	27	81
Budapest	s	26	79	Istanbul	c	23	73	Munich	s	24	75	Warsaw	s	22	72
Cardiff	r	15	59	Jersey	f	21	70	Naples	f	21	70	Zurich	s	25	77

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, July 12

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	°F	
E COAST					
Scarborough	—	.03	14	57	Drizzle
Gorleston	—	—	17	63	Cloudy
Clacton	4.2	—	18	64	Sun ints
Margate	4.9	—	16	61	Sun ints
Herne Bay	6.1	—	17	63	Sun ints
S COAST					
Hastings	8.1	—	21	70	Sun pds
Eastbourne	6.5	—	19	66	Sun pds
Brighton	8.3	.01	23	73	Sun pds
Bognor	5.6	—	23	73	Sun ints
Southsea	4.0	—	21	70	Sun ints
Sandown	3.4	—	20	68	Sun ints
Southpmtn	3.0	.49	20	68	Thunder
Exmouth	0.6	—	17	63	Cloudy
Torquay	1.4	—	16	61	Cloudy
Falmouth	—	.99	15	59	Cloudy
W COAST					
Morecambe	12.3	—	23	73	Sunny
Blackpool	11.0	—	21	70	Sunny
Anglesey	11.8	—	23	73	Sunny
Llandudno	4.8	—	18	64	Sun ints
Newquay	—	.36	19	66	Cloudy

Pollen count: The pollen count issued in London yesterday by the Asthma Research Council was 4 low.

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 18; Belgium Btr 33; Canaries, Pes 90; Denmark, Dkr 4.00; Finland, Fmk 3.35; France, Frs 3.20; (The TVA); Germany, Dmk 2.50; Greece, Dr 50; Holland, Dfl 3.00; Italy, Lire 600; Luxembourg, Lf 33; Madeira, Esc 20.00; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 4.50; Portugal, Esc 30; Spain, Pes 45; Sweden, Skr 4.00; Switzerland, Sfr 3.50; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 23.

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BANKS DEBATE. Broadsheet No.2

HOBSON'S BANK?

In August 1976 the Labour Party National Executive Committee (NEC) proposed that the four main clearing banks—Barclays, Lloyds, Midland and National Westminster—should be nationalised.

The Party Conference passed the proposal—although the Government is against it and the Prime Minister called it "an electoral albatross."

We, the banks listed below, believe that public ownership of banks is a matter for public discussion. We would therefore like to question some of the NEC's basic assumptions and also ask you what you think—whether you are for or against bank nationalisation.

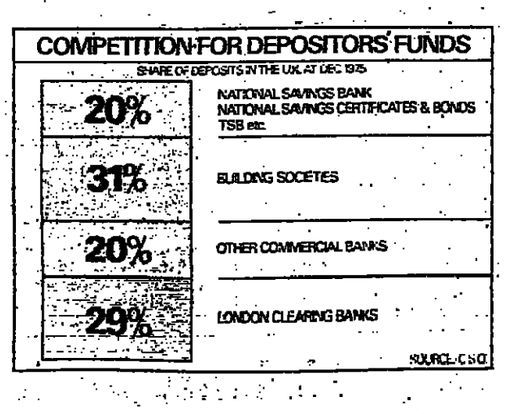
MONOPOLY MONEY.

The NEC claims that the present situation "has put into the hands of the banks and other financial institutions a vast concentration of private power."

Yet, if the big four really share a virtual monopoly between them, could the Government—by owning them all—fail to enjoy an even greater monopoly?

But what of the NEC's assertion? Is it even true?

At the end of 1975, £74 billion was deposited with the main financial institutions in the UK. Of this, the clearing banks held 29 per cent only.



DO BANKS REALLY COMPETE?

At present you have a choice among any of the main High Street banks named below. They compete with building societies, Trustee Savings Banks, National Savings, unit trusts, finance houses, foreign banks and the Post Office Giro for your money. And they compete with each other.

THE BATTLE OF THE HIGH STREET.

But, with 12,000 branches of these banks up and down the country, it is often at local level that competition is most real.

"A CHOICE SIR? OF COURSE! WE HAVE FORM 479B/8C2 IN BUFF, GREY OR THE STANDARD OFF WHITE"

Take a town like Luton. It has a population of 165,000 and 26 bank branches. Someone wanting to open an account or wanting to borrow money could go to any of these branches. Or, for certain services, to one of the competitors already named.

It's the same all over the country. Most bank branches are small, often not much bigger than the shop next door. And the local branch manager is given a lot of freedom. He is expected to make a success of his branch—to understand his customers, to know about local industry and business. Competing—as at present—against other local bank branches, he soon loses customers if he gives poor service or is unreasonably cautious about lending.

HOW WOULD NATIONALISATION HELP?

The NEC document offers few clues on freedom of choice or how nationalisation would help customers. Indeed it rarely mentions them. All it says is that the separate identities of the banks would be retained. But would it be real competition if the difference were in name only?

WHERE WOULD THEY GO?

The NEC first contemplated nationalising only one bank. But they recognised that most customers would switch to the other banks. So they are now proposing the nationalisation of the Big Four.

Their instinct was sound. Recent market research has already shown that 55 per cent of customers say they would probably not stay with their bank if it were nationalised.

It is not difficult to imagine where the grass would seem greener. There are many alternatives for personal customers, and business customers could turn to the 300 or so merchant and foreign banks in the City.

DID YOU KNOW?

About one in seven of bank customers have changed banks at some time in their lives—28% because they thought another bank would give them better service.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

Over 10,000 people have already sent us their own views on the Banks Debate.

What do *you* think about the issues raised here?

How would nationalisation affect competition between banks? Would branch managers be able to exercise as much personal judgement? Would services grow better or worse?

If you have views on these questions—whether for or against bank nationalisation—please let us know. It will increase our understanding of public opinion on this important issue.

We will do our best to answer every correspondent.

NOW TELL US WHAT YOU THINK..

You can write your comments on this coupon alone, or enclose it with a letter. Address your reply to THE BANKS, 10 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9AP. Or deliver it to any branch of any bank listed below, in an envelope marked "The Banks Debate."

Name_____ Address_____ T2A

THE BANKS

HOME NEWS

Open University and polytechnics agree on credit transfers

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

An important move towards the establishment of a national credit transfer scheme for students in higher education was announced yesterday by the Council for National Academic Awards (CNAA) and the Open University.

They have reached an agreement under which the 100,000 students studying for CNAA-validated first degrees and Diploma of Higher Education courses (mostly at polytechnics and institutes of higher education) may complete their studies on a part-time basis with the Open University, and the 55,000 part-time students enrolled on undergraduate courses at the Open University may transfer to full-time CNAA courses, while retaining credits for work they have done.

Mrs Naomi McIntosh, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs at the Open University, said the agreement was a most significant change which was likely to affect the pattern of higher education in the predictable future. It represented a big step towards continuing

The Government has also been showing a keen interest in the more effective use of resources in higher education.

The De partment of Education and Science and members of the Schools Inspectorate are exploring the feasibility of a national credit-transfer information service. Mr Oakes, Minister of State, has called a meeting on Thursday next week to discuss the idea with members of the CNAA, the Open University, the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics, and the Committee of Vice-Chanceldors and Principals of Universities.

The CNAA and the Open University have already been discussing the possibility of setting up a transfer agency to collate information on access to higher education courses and to give advice on credit transfer opportunities.

They believe they may have to act alone, until the universities as a group are ready to acknowledge the need for greater accessibility at different levels. The universities' degrees are validated by virtue of their individual charters and not by the CNAA.

Individual universities have reached agreements with the Open University credit transfers. The first was Lancaster in 1975, followed by Sussex, Kent and Salford. Yesterday Essex University announced that it too had come to an arrangement on a mutual transfer scheme.

Dr Edwin Kerr, chief officer of the CNAA, said some students taken CNAA-validated courses found that because of financial or other personal circumstances they were no longer in a position to continue with full-time higher education. On the other hand, some Open University students found it possible to undertake full-time education for perhaps one year or more, or wanted to specialize in areas not offered by the university. Under the new agreement both would have a chanec for the first time to continue with their studies.

Open University students applying for a place on the first degree or Dip HE course may now be exempted from the first year of study if they have two Open University course credits. Students with more than two course credits may be eligible for entry with greater "advanced standing", which would leave at least one full year to complete the course.

CNAA course students wishing to transfer to the Open University may be awarded two credits for each year of successfully completed full-time study up to a maximum of four. Six credits are needed for an Open University ordinary degree and eight for an honours degree.

The new agreement is not binding.

House prices rose 4½% in first half of year

By Margaret Stone

Fears that house prices are beginning to accelerate significantly were dismissed yesterday by Mr Leonard Williams, chief general manager of the Nationwide Building Society, the third largest in the country.

The society's house-price survey, published today, indicates that house prices rose by 4½ per cent in the first half of the year, compared with just under 4 per cent in the first half of 1976 and 5 per cent in the first six months of 1975.

Mr Williams said that since the relationship between incomes and house prices was back to approximately what it was before the 1972-73 house price boom the prospect for house prices would be influenced by the outlook for incomes and inflation.

"The present squeeze on real incomes contrasts with the increase in real incomes of 8 per cent in 1972, but the likelihood of increasing inflation had then also stimulated a demand for 'trading up' in the middle and top of the housing market. At present there are few signs of this being repeated."

Savings scheme: Building societies will break new ground this autumn when they introduce a new savings scheme devised specifically for holidaymakers (our Business News Staff writes).

Yesterday the Provincial announced a holiday savings and discount scheme to be run in conjunction with Thomas Cook, the tour operator.

The scheme is based on a holiday savings account to be opened to the public in September. It will offer a special interest rate of 7.2 per cent (0.5 per cent above the paid-up share rate) account holders to a5 per cent discount on Cook pacage holidays.

Liverpool Building Society has also said it will introduce a holiday shares plan with Thomas Cook.

Needle-eye view: The alphabet sampler above, measuring 1m by 5-16in, is the smallest of more than two thousand exhibits, many lent by the Royal Family, in the largest collection of needlework in the United Kingdom since the coronation exhibition of 1953. The exhibition of the Royal College of Needlework, called Threads of History, opens today at the Royal College of Art, London, as part of the silver jubilee celebrations.

Provinces to benefit by art loan scheme

By Our Arts Reporter

More long-term lending objects between national co tions and local museums galleries will be possible result of a scheme announ in the Commons yesterday Mrs Williams, Secretary State for Education and Scie

The Government, she had agreed to the making such loans at the discretio national collections wit payment of insurance.

That will be subject to ditions of suitable care security and to the carryin a small liability by the bor ing institution in case of or reparable damage.

In a written reply, Williams said she was a that the high cost of insur prevented many loans where parties were other ready to make them.

For the present the sch will apply only to the Eng national collections. The t value of objects to be lent not at any time exceed £ and there will be a limit £500,000 on total loans at time to any one institution.

The minimum liability borrowers will be £100, but objects worth more than £4 there will be a liability of per cent up to a total of £10 when the contingent liabi will be £250.

For objects between £10 and £25,000, the liability will £250, rising thereafter at 1 cent of the total value.

The lending institutions not at present contemplating objects of much more t about £80,000 in value. Th will be an annual review of working of the scheme. It not envisaged that th arrangements shall apply very short loans.

Ferry strike goes on at Harwich

Hundreds of passengers booked to sail on British Rail's Sealink ferry services spent Monday night on board the St Edmund at Harwich, Suffolk, because of an unofficial strike by seamen. Yesterday all Sealink vessels were lying idle at Harwich.

The dispute is over extra pay for late arrivals. It began on Sunday and by yesterday involved almost 600 seamen when members of the crews of two more British Rail ferries, the Norfolk and the Rhodri Mawr came out in smpathy with men of the St Edmund and St George.

British Rail said an offer had been made to the men but it had been rejected by the National Union of Seamen.

The dispute began on board the St George, the second of Sealink's ferries, when the crew refused to sail from Harwich tothe Hook of Holland as a reserve vessel.

A representative of the strikers said: "Ships have been arriving late in port and management have not been paying for the extra time involved, contrary to a national agreement concluded between them and the National Union of Seamen.

"Five other Sealink ships operating from Harwich have supported us and they will not be sailing until this matter is resolved."

British Rail said it was unofficial action. "The crews have refused to accept an agreement which their representatives would have accepted.

Commission to step up enforcement of law on sex discrimination

By a Staff Reporter

The Equal Opportunities Commission is to develop its role of carrying out formal investigations into suspected cases of sex discrimination.

At its meeting earlier this week the commissioners decided in principle that they would now put greater emphasis on law enforcement. That includes their power, laid down in the Sex Discrimination Act, to hold formal investigations, to appoint outside commissioners to run the investigations, to subpoena witnesses, and to issue non-discrimination orders if the case is proved.

In its first 18 months the commission has been investigating two cases referred to it of alleged discrimination. They concern whether the revised education plan at Tameside, Greater Manchester, discriminates against girls, and whether women at the Electrolux factory at Luton, Bedfordshire, are getting equal pay. Both inquiries are stil going on.

The commissioners decided that they will now initiate their own investigations, but they did not decide on the areas they would cover.

An official said: "From the fact-finding initial exercise it makes sense that we are now beginning to use our powers more directly."

The commissioners also approved a number of grants, including £4,000 to Dr Barrie Hopson, of Leeds University for studying the implementation of the Sex Discrimination Act in Yorkshire and Humberside schools, and £3,000 to Rita Pankhurst for cataloguing publications about women for the Fawcett Library.

Jury clears man named as an accomplice

Michael Calvey, named as an accomplice by Charles Lowe, a police informer, was acquitted at Southend Crown Court, Essex, yesterday, Mr Calvey, aged 35, a market trader, of Pembroke Road, Walthamsrow, London, was found not guilty of burglary at a Leytonstone store in 1974 involving £2,826. The jury had been warned of the dangers of acctpting the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice.

Mr Fabyan Evans, for the Crown, suggested there was corroboration because part of the stolen property had been found by the police at Mr Calvey's home. Mr Calvey told the court that the furniture was there because he had bought it from Mr Lowe.

Mr Lowe, who is serving 11½ years for robbery, theft, and other crime, named in evidence Mr Calvey and John Gravell as his accomplices in the burglary.

The defence called Mr Gravell, aged 38, also a market trader, of Throwley Way, Sutton, Surrey, wha was jailed at Southend last week for four years. He had admitted the burglary and two others but said Mr Calvey was not the third ma nat Leytonstone.

Mr David Whitehouse, for Mr Calvey's defence said: "A man who is prepared to do violence to other people may also be prepared to harm them by telling lies against them."

Companies deny rail union freight-change allegations

By our Transport Correspondent

There were more denials yesterday of allegations by the National Union of Railwaymen that freight is not being transferred from road to rail because of threats by the Transport and General Workers Union, representing lorry drivers.

Bass Charrington, one of the companies named by the NUR, said it had not at any time suffered "untoward or irregular action" by the TGWU and had no complaints. On the contrary, it had "agreeable relationships with the union, which allow us complete flexibility to road transport, or rail". use our own transport, hired

Courage, another company named, said the possibility of moving grain to its new brewery at Reading by rail had never even been considered.

Overseas Containers said that all its inland freight depots were recognized by docker members of the TGWU and there had never been pressure to prevent movement of goods by rail.

The Greater London Council said the NUR allegations were highly misleading, since the report referred to, drawn up jointly by the GLC and British Rail, specifically stated that the interviewers who prepared it had found no evidence of pressure on companies against the use of rail.

Mixed views on obscenity law change

By Kenneth Gosling

There was a mixed reception yesterday for the news that the Government intends today to amend the Obscene Publications Act to include films shown in ordinary cinemas. It will have the effect of stopping private prosecutions against allegedly obscene films.

Lord Harlech, president of the British Board of Film Censors, welcomed the move. "It is entirely along the lines we have been pressing for some time", he said.

Lord Harlech said the industry had become disturbed about prosecutions last year over the films Language of Love and More About Language of Love. In the latter case the board had given the film a certificate and Mr Raymond Blackburn had brought a private prosecution.

"He tried to get me and the secretary of the board on charges of aiding and abetting an obscene act," Lord Harlech said. "It finally went to the Old Bailey, where I was the principal witness and found not guilty."

Mrs Mary Whitehouse, secretary of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, said the Government had set up a committee to look into the obscenity laws. "Why don't they wait until we get its findings?" she asked.

Navy bars a Soviet ship after misunderstanding

A Soviet ship was turned away from Plymouth harbour yesterday by the Royal Navy, but the incident arose because of a misunderstanding.

A naval officer explained that the Soviet authorities applied some time ago for permission for the research vessel Ayaks to enter Plymouth harbour. "They were advised that this was inconvenient and were given permission for an alternative, Falmouth", he said.

"It seems that the message was passed certainly as far as the authorities, but that it never actually reached the ship itself.

"Consequently today the Ayaks approached Plymouth, where she was met by HMS Flinthan, a minesweeper. The situation was explained to the Russian crew. They said they had no chart for Falmouth, so one was provided. They then sailed on there."

Coastguards said later that the Ayaks had arrived at Falmouth.

Millbay docks at Plymouth regularly play host to vessels from Eastern Europe, but the nearness to Devonport dockyard, one of Britain's main naval bases, poses obvious difficulties.

Mother freed by court from 'living a lie'

A mother who has lived w another woman since the affair broke up her marria was told in the Court of Ap yesterday not to hide her h away from her two children.

The court gave a ruling t freed the mother from have to "live a lie" each time h children go to visit her.

The court rejected an appe by the mother's former husba against an earlier decisio allowing her to bring the chil ren—a girl of nine and a bo of five, into contact with he lover, known to them a "aunie Pat."

The court held that there was less risk of the children being overwhelmed by the d covery that their mother wa lesbian if they were allowed get to know her lover a human being.

Petrol complex 'essential to Fife's prosperity'

From Our Correspondent
Dunfermline

Sir George Sharp, convener of Fife Region and president of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, told the Shell-Esso public inquiry at Dunfermline yesterday that the proposed £400m petrochemical complex was essential for the long-term economic development of Fife and the United Kingdom.

He said Fife had lost 20,000 mining jobs as a result of the collapse of the mining industry in the 1950s and 1960s.

"In 1954 we were told by the Scottish Development Department that in the year 2000 there would still be three thousand employed in central Fife," he said.

"Following the collapse of the mining industry there was a domino effect on the railway, linoleum and linen industries."

He added that Fife still had 11,000 unemployed, which was 8.4 per cent but in the Cowdenbeath area the figure was 22.1 per cent.

While admitting that the building of a tanker terminal would impari the beauty of Braefoot Bay to some extent, he said he had visited a similar development at Stenungsund, in Sweden, and had been amazed at the quality of the surrounding environment.

He denied thta the further employment that would be created was being dangled as a carrot to the public to accept the Shell-Esso proposals.

Conservatives set out their approach to child benefits

By Our Political Staff

Child benefits should be treated in the same way as tax cuts, leading Conservatives argued yesterday when they tabled Commons amendments to a Labour backbench motion.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, spokesman on social services, said the next Conservative government was pledged to "major reductions in direct taxation". The party regarded improvements in child benefits, which are replacing child tax allowances, as part of that process.

The Labour motion regrets that there will be no increase in child benefit in November. It urges the Government to ensure a "considerable increase" in the level of child benefits next April, over and above that which will be achieved through the next phasing out of child tax allowances.

Suported by Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the shadow Chancellor, and Mr Jenkin, the Conservative amendments cal the Government to ensure that increases in child benefit at treated in the same way as tax cuts "so that the switch from child tax allowances to child benefit can be completed in April, 1978, instead of 1979". Then there could be an improvement in the real value of child benefit as part of an overall reduction in direct taxation and a shift to indirect taxation.

Sentence deferred on driver of express

Hugh Harvey, aged 42, a train driver, whose London to Glasgow express coasted for four miles out of control with no one in the engine cab, was found guilty at Dumfries Sheriff Court yesterday of being drunk on duty and abandoning his train, endangering life.

Sheriff Kenneth Barr deferred sentence until August 1 for social inquiry reports. Afterwards Mr Harvey, of Bell Drive, Glasgow, said: "I feel terrible."

Mr Ian Simpson, for the defence, said tat since the incident, on January 22 this year, Mr Harvey had been suspended without pay

Mr Harvey had denied being fround drunk near Lockerbie on the Carlisle to Glasgow line. He had also denied negligently setting the controls of the electric locomotive drawing nine coaches in such a way as to "commit it to remain in motion" and then abandoning the train, thus endangering life.

When the guard realized that something was wrong he put on the emergency brakes and found that the driver's cab was empty. Mr Harvey was found lying face down on an embrankment.

British Rail experts said the control sof the locomotive had been left in such a way as to leave the "dead man's handle", a foot pedal, inoperative. One expert said that would leave the train out of control.

Record first-day attendance at Yorkshire show

From Our Correspondent
Harrogate

Despite dull conditions the first-day attendance at this year's Great Yorkshire show at Harrogate was a record. More than 27,000 visitors passed through the turnstiles yesterday.

The attendance figures are likely to go up further today with the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who will be guests of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society.

HORSES

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS: Shire: Arthur Wright Farms, Warrington. Clydesdale: P. Sharp, Forfar. Cleveland Bay: G. M. T. Pollambe, Worksop. Hunters: T. Bland, Stow-on-the-Wold.

CATTLE

Beef Shorthorn: Ardbennie Farms, Crieff. Lincoln Red: F. E. Reed and Son, Horncastle. Aberdeen Angus: J. Silinsbury, Aberlour, Hereford: S. Walling, Kendal. Galloway: T. W. Kennedy-Moffat and Son, Dumfries. South Devon: Lord Courtenay, Exeter. Charolais: Mrs M. R. Richardson, Quarndon. British Simmental: Captain R. A. Macgregor, Isle of Man. British Friesian: Lord Rayleigh's Farms Inc, Chelmsford. Dairy Shorthorn: Mrs G. R. H. Smith, Tadcaster. British Canadian Holstein: J. K. Jackson, Beningbrough, North-ern. Dairy Shorthorn: G. A. Dent, Kirkby Stephen, Ayrshire: J. Whiteford and Sons, Carlisle. Jersey: Hillsdown Farm, Haywards Heath. Guernsey: Horrell's Farmers, Peterborough.

SHEEP

Leicester: A. and J. L. Aconley, Driffield. Teeswater: Bainbridge Bros, Richmond. Blue-faced Leicester: J. W. Raine, Barnard Castle. Lincoln: R. P. Watts, Sleaford. Wensleydale: P. Ashby, Thirsk. Hampshire Down: D. R. Vaughan, Aberystwyth. Suffolk: T. Midgley and Sons, Kirby Lindsdale. Oxford Down: A. Harper and Sons, Newton. North Country Cheviot: H. F. Sleigh and Son, North Kessock, Black-face: W. S. Smith, Cambo, Northumberland. Dorbyshirt Gritstone: G. Dixon, Huddersfield. Lonk: I. M. Slswick, Melthum. Swaledale: L. Raine and Sons, Barnard Castle. Rough Fell: G. M. Sedgwick, Sedbergh. Herdwick: T. G. Grave, Seascale. Jacob: J. Richardson and Mrs J. Simpson, Bishop Auckland. Masham: E. Lawson, Richmond. Wool: A. Harper and Sons, Hawton.

PIGS

Large White: P. H. and A. W. Mercer, Burton-on-Trent. Large Black: A. Gregory and Son, Selby, Tamworth: I. W. Wilson, Rufford. British Saddleback: G. J. Ryall and Partners, Warminster. Welsh: Mr and Mrs A. D. Green, Cheltenham. Landrace: M. Brier and Son, Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Oil spillage fine

Captain Wong Yang Bag, master of the Japanese tanker Kurushima Maru, was fined £2,000 at Kirkwall Sheriff Court, Orkney, yesterday after pleading guilty to allowing an oil spillage in Scapa low.

Clergy majority for church remarriage of divorcees

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

About three Church of England clergymen in five support relaxation of the rule forbidding the remarriage of divorcees in church, according to a survey published today.

Eight per cent of those taking part in the survey said they had conducted a marriage service for divorced people and a third were prepared to do so if the rules were changed.

The civil law allows remarriages to be conducted in church but an Act of Convocation passed 20 years ago urges the clergy not to conduct such services.

The survey was conducted by an Anglican organization called Parish and People, which favours a change in the church's regulations. Of 512 clergy polled, 405 replied, and 58 per cent of those favoured a change in the rules.

A strong minority was against remarriage of divorcees in church and a number wanted a change in the service for such marriages.

The issue was debated by the General Synod in 1973, when motions favouring change and upholding the status quo were defeated and a commission was set up to look at the question afresh. The commission is due to report by the end of this year.

Dismissal over wearing lesbian badge upheld

The dismissal of Louise Boychuk for insisting on wearing at work her Gay Liberation badge proclaiming "Lesbians Ignite", was upheld by the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

It ruled that employers had a limited right to instruct an employee not to wear a sign or symbol that could be expected to offend fellow employees and customers. An appeal by Miss Boychuk, of Riverview Grove, Chiswick, London, for the reversal of an industrial tribunal finding that her dismissal was not unfair, was rejected.

She lost her clerk's job with H. J. Symons Holdings, City insurance brokers, in August, 1976.

Miss Boychuk, who wore the controversial badge at yesterday's hearing, maintained that she ought not to have been dismissed unless her badge-wearing to "proclaim her identity" substantially disrupted the employer's business. She contended that there was no evidence of that.

Put bright children on shop floor at 16, expert says

By Our Education Correspondent

More bright children should be encouraged to leave school at 16 to work on the factory florr, Mr Barry Taylor, Chief Education Officer for Somerset, said yesterday. For many that would provide a better training for top management than the conventional degree course.

Mr Taylor, who has been leading a team of experts from European countries investigating educational opportunities for youngsters over 16 in Western Europe, made his comments in a press statement about a speech he is to deliver to the annual conference of the Council of Local Education Authorities, which opens in Brighton today.

The path from office boy to managing director has been trod in the past, Mr Taylor said, but the numbers had been small. Parents, teachers and young people needed to change their attitudes towards industry.

For too long, able youngsters had been encouraged to believe that it was more noble to become social workers or teachers than works managers.

"Yet all of us in the social services depend on wealth producers", Mr Taylor said. "We must encourage the belief that the skilled fitter is as socially useful as a doctor or a nurse".

Opportunities "denied": Mr Max Morris, Headmaster of Willesden High School, London, and an executive member of the National Union of Teachers, said Mr Taylor's proposal "would deny the opportunity to very many youngsters of acquiring the necessary qualifications to be skilled, either in production or management or both" (the Press Association reports).

Mr Roy Jackson, secretary of the TUC education committee, said: "We would not go along with the idea that young people should be dissuaded from seeking or taking existing degree-level courses."

Councils urged to give industry priority

By Christopher Warman

Local authorities are being urged to give priority to industry across the whole range of their functions in a government joint circular issued yesterday.

As Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, disclosed last week at a meeting of the National Economic Development Council, the circular emphasizes the importance of council attitudes, policies and decisions to the health and confidence of industry.

The circular, from Mr Shore and Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, says many local authorities are already actively promoting a climate of understanding and encouragement towards industry, and calls on all to see what more they can do.

Proposing action in the planning, housing and transport fields, the circular states that first priority should be given to the handling of all industrial planning applications, and urges a flexible approach to development control. Some firms, particularly small businesses employing local people can coexist with shops and houses without damage to the environment and make a vital contribution to employment in their areas, it says.

There is emphasis for consultation with industry in drawing up local plans, and the circular underlines the importance of improving labour mobility. Local authorities should be more flexible in housing arrangements to meet the needs of people moving to work in new areas. Such arrangements cover the allocation of council houses.

While recognizing that resources for transport are limited, the circular sets out ways in which local authorities can give greater priority to industrial needs through traffic management and public transport services.

Local Government and the Industrial Strategy (DOE circular 71/77, DTp circular 4/77. Stationery Office, 25p).

Principal wants courses for redundant graduates

By a Staff Reporter

A programme of vocational courses to encourage would-be teachers to be businessmen, administrators and financial executives was called for yesterday by Professor Alwyn Williams, Principal of Glasgow University.

Anticipating the publication on Thursday of official figures showing a further decline in graduates entering the teaching profession, Professor Williams, who was addressing graduating students, spoke of extra grants for graduates originally destined for teaching to train for alternative employment.

He envisaged a scheme for redundant graduates modelled on the job-creation programme for school-leavers. In addition the grants provided for higher degree work should be increased, he said to take account of the likely increase in the number of graduates in the next few years.

HOME NEWS

Opposition peer urges protection of Lords to protect human rights

By Our Arts Reporter

More [illegible] House of Lords should be elected by proportional representation, Lord Carrington, leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, said yesterday. A root-and-branch reform of the Upper House threatened by the supremacy of the House of Commons, he said, "where one party wake up after an election to find a government of the right or the left which could prevented [illegible] away with fundamental reforms."

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That left reform of the House of Lords as the only immediately practicable way of guaranteeing fundamental human rights.

Lord Carrington called for restoration of the Lords' power to delay Bills from the Commons for up to two years. He said the Lords should be empowered to call national referendums on matters of constitutional importance.

That, he felt, would end the present Lords' powerless position, which allowed the Labour Party and the Tories largely to ignore it.

Calling for the abolition of hereditary and nominated peerages, Lord Carrington, suggested that the House of Lords should be elected on a regional list system at a different time from the Commons. By using proportional representation, he said, "you would have a middle-of-the-road House that comes of being elected on a proper basis".

Gynaecologists object to abortion on demand

By John Roper

[illegible] of Britain's gynaecologists think that the time limit [illegible] abortion, except for cases [illegible] abnormality or risk to [illegible] of the mother, should [illegible] weeks' gestation or less, [illegible] ding to a Gallup Poll con- [illegible] on behalf of the Society [illegible] he Protection of Unborn [illegible] ren.

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The doctors are almost equally divided on the question whether, within the National Health Service, there are pressures to agree to termination of pregnancy.

Of those who replied to the questions, 36 per cent were, by religious denomination, Church of England, 5 per cent Roman Catholic, 21 per cent Presbyterian, 4 per cent Methodist, 3 per cent Jewish, 1 per cent Muslim and 4 per cent Hindu.

Those of other religions amounted to 7 per cent, and 16 per cent had no religion.

Demonstration: Five young women threw stink bombs into a group of 10 MPs discussing the Abortion (Amendment) Bill in the Commons yesterday (the Press Association reports). They shouted "abortion on demand" and "a woman's right to decide".

A policeman at the back of the room took one woman out into the corridor. Later more policemen conducted all five to the Commons police room. They were not expected to be charged.

The Abortion Law Reform Association last night deplored the demonstration but said it served to show public anger about the Bill.

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By [illegible]ohn Young [illegible] Reporter

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The Conservative administration at County Hall has insisted even more strongly than its Labour predecessor that a new Underground line through east and south-east London is vital for the Docklands' revival.

In that it has the support of the five boroughs with which it is associated on the Docklands joint committee.

As predicted in *The Times*, last month, Sir Hugh Wilson, former president of the Royal Institute of British Architects and one-time chief planner of Cumbernauld New Town, has been named as the new non-political chairman of the joint committee. His appointment follows the refusal of Mr Horace Cutler, the GLC leader, to allow the committee to continue under its former Labour chairman, Mr Percy Bell.

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[illegible]Ps resist Commons broadcast plan

By [illegible]avid Wood [illegible]cal Editor

[illegible]kbenchers of all parties [illegible]e Commons last night [illegible]d on Mr Foot, Leader of [illegible]ouse, and made clear that [illegible] are not prepared to [illegible]ve an arrangement for [illegible]casting Commons proceed- [illegible] on the basis that has been [illegible]d with the BBC and IBA.

[illegible]er the announcement yes- [illegible] that a skeleton form of [illegible] cast proceedings will [illegible] in the next session, the [illegible]enchers last night tabled [illegible]ion insisting that they will [illegible] agree to frontbench [illegible]hes alone being broadcast.

Since the agreement does not provide for the editing of radio recordings and allows the broadcasting authorities to choose what they want from Commons proceedings, the backbench stand almost certainly means that the parliamentary radio broadcasts will not begin as arranged.

Led by Mr Michael English, Labour MP for Nottingham, West, influential backbenchers in every party last night signed the motion warning Mr Foot against trying to carry a resolution to permit broadcasting in the Commons on Friday week.

Among the principal signatories are Mr Norman Atkinson, treasurer of the Labour Party, Mr Ian Mikardo, Mr Alan Beith, Liberal Chief Whip, and Mr Kenneth Baker, who has been an opposition frontbencher. Within less than an hour last night 64 backbenchers signed, and names are still being appended.

The explanation is that backbenchers know that if radio teams are to be allowed to pick and choose they will elect frontbench speakers for news bulletins and ignore backbenchers. Consequently, backbenchers are determined to establish control of the House over the method of parliamentary broadcasting.

Underneath the arches: Emily Young with her creation enlivening the arches holding up the Westway motorway, London. Her murals are part of a project by the North Kensington Amenity Trust to transform Portobello Green, which was opened yesterday by the Duke of Gloucester.

£1,332 compensation order

Mrs Catherine Rhiando, a widow, who was said to have *cheated the Evening Standard* out of advertising charges, was ordered at Marylebone Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, to pay the newspaper £1,332.20 compensation.

Mrs Rhiando, aged 27, the daughter of an Irish dress designer, was given two years' probation. It was stated that she owed £17,000 in fines and legal costs after being convicted at the Central Criminal Court in April of handling £2m stolen from a strong room at *Heathrow airport in June, 1976.* She appeared on remand after admitting 29 offences against the *Evening Standard* and obtaining by deception pecuniary advantages.

Det Constable Colin Brooks said that Mrs Rhiando, of Norfolk Road, St John's Wood, London, who was selling Persian carpets, furniture and other belongings, advertised in the *Evening Standard*, giving false names.

Plot charge against Bob Monkhouse

Bob Monkhouse, the television personality, is to appear in court charged with conspiring to defraud the Columbia Pictures Organization. He was arrested by Scotland Yard detectives on Monday night. He was charged later at Marylebone police station and released on bail to appear at Marylebone Street Magistrates' Court next Tuesday.

A Scotland Yard investigation, reported to have been going on for several months, has centred on the unauthorized circulation of feature films without the film-makers' knowledge.

Mr Monkhouse, who is 48, collects old films, and has more than 800 at his home in the village of Eggington, near Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

Mr Monkhouse was charged in his full name of Robert Alan Monkhouse. The charge alleges that he conspired with others to defraud Columbia-Warner film distributors. The warrant on which he was arrested alleged that he conspired to import 16mm feature films belonging to film distributors without having the rights to do so.

Scotland Yard is investigating how "pirate" copies of films have found their way into unauthorized ownership. Many of the films that have been the subject of the investigation are thought to have come from the United States.

Mr Monkhouse lives with his wife, Jackie, his former secretary, whom he married four years ago after divorcing his first wife, Margaret. They had been married for 21 years. He has an adopted daughter and two sons.

Private hearing aids' value is questioned

By Our Commercial Editor

Makers and retailers of private hearing aids make only modest profits, and the industry meets a definite need, the Price Commission says in a report published yesterday.

But it questions whether the industry is efficient and if the customer gets value for money. For example a customer might pay £116 for an appliance together with various services, even though actual manufacturing cost is only £22.

The report says: "It is difficult to say whether the costs incurred are reasonable or indeed whether in some respects at any rate they need to be incurred at all."

The commission advises shopping around, particularly to assess the quality of service that will be given during and after the fitting of a hearing aid. The customer pays an inclusive fee for purchase and a service that embraces consultation and after-sales support.

Retailers are either large companies employing intensive advertising, or smaller concerns, usually one-man or two-man businesses.

The commission estimates that about a third of the 450,000 to 650,000 users of private hearing aids also own National Health Service models with which they are not satisfied. It says there is "a real waste of NHS resources".

Prices of Privately Prescribed Hearing Aids, Price Commission Report 28 (Stationery Office, 80p).

Criticism of Mr Silkin gets a sharp answer

By Hugh Clayton

Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, issued a characteristically sharp reply yesterday to criticism of his attitude to EEC farm policy by Mr Christopher Tugendhat, Community Commissioner for the Budget.

The commissioner told the Conservative Group for Europe in London on Monday that to win a butter subsidy Mr Silkin had "brought the negotiation of the last price package almost to the point of breakdown".

Mr Silkin, who was president of the council of EEC farm ministers for six months until June, said at the Great Yorkshire Show, at Harrogate: "If you look at what happened during the presidency you will find that there has been the lowest institutional price increase since we joined the Common Market. You will also find that a number of British institutions that are of great importance to us have been maintained and strengthened. We managed to stop the margarine tax and we managed to stop the ban on dairy farm investment."

Two changes in EEC farm policy that would restrict its benefit to farmers were proposed yesterday by Professor John Marsh, Professor of Agricultural Economics

He said at a meeting organized by the Royal Institute of International Affairs, at Chatham House, in London, that the Community should try to reduce "mountains" of food by cancelling its offer to support markets by buying as much as farmers cared to produce. "When the Community fixes its annual prices it should specify the maximum quantity it would be prepared to buy", he said.

Mr Strang, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and leader of the British delegation at the 1977 farm price review in Brussels, said the cut in support prices in real terms made this year was an important step towards reducing surpluses.

Bill 'could be mockery to hopes of homeless'

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

The new homelessness Bill will be ineffective and a cruel mockery of the hopes of homeless people unless it is substantially altered in the Lords, according to the seven housing charities who have been consulted at every stage.

Their statement was made yesterday at the same time as it became clear that the Government will be tabling amendments in the Lords to tighten some clauses.

The charities believe that amendments moved successfully by Mr Hugh Rossi, Conservative spokesman on the environment, at report stage in the Commons last Friday have made the Bill toothless. Housing ministers privately fear that the amendments will weaken the Bill, failing changes in the Lords.

"As it stands, the Bill is full of loopholes which will be exploited remorselessly by those local authorities that have refused to accept a responsibility to the homeless", Mr Nicholas Raynsford, director of the Shelter Housing Aid Centre, said yesterday. "Thousands of homeless people will be left on the streets."

The charities wrote yesterday to Mr Stephen Ross, Liberal spokesman on housing, calling for eight specific improvements as their price for continuing to support what they regarded originally as a Bill laying down the barest minimum of necessary changes to protect homeless people.

On at least three, ministers have made clear privately that they will be tabling amendments, although the official line is that they are generally satisfied with the state of the Bill, subject to the tightening of a few clauses.

Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, has publicly stated his objections to the clause excluding from help people judged by local councils to have made themselves homeless deliberately.

The charities yesterday called for Mr Freeson's formula to be included in the Bill by incorporating the legislative equivalent of the 1974 circular issued by Mr Rossi, then a junior minister.

The circular said: "In the last resort, if homelessness becomes a real prospect, even if it does seem to have been self-inflicted, councils should give the degree of help necessary to secure that people are not left without shelter." The charities told Mr Ross yesterday that nothing less would be satisfactory.

Both the charities and ministers are also concerned about the new provision excluding from priority groups homeless people thought capable of securing accommodation for themselves, given advice and assistance. The charities see that as a contradiction of the circular.

The charities also want to stop the shuttling of homeless families from area to area and to provide for battered wives, elderly or disabled people, and families with children in care.

Miniature lamps 'could be deadly'

A miniature lamp shaped like St Peter's, Rome, and depicting papal pictures, which had been on sale for seven years, has been withdrawn by a Roman Catholic organization. Its latest batch of 60 cost £5.75 each.

Consumer protection officers at Humberside yesterday warned buyers not to tamper with the lamps. One said: "They are potential death traps."

The Italian-made ornaments in gold painted plastic were sold at the Catholic Repository in Bridlington, which received them from a Northern Ireland supplier.

The simple electric mechanism inside is easily removable. It includes two metal strips, which might be touched when the lamp is still plugged in.

The organization that sold them has no idea how many have been bought.

Three years' jail for rape attempt

Alan Harding, aged 18, who was said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to have tried to rape a girl of 16, was jailed for three years by Judge Rees.

Mr Harding, a tree feller, of Roker Park Avenue, Ickenham, denied the offence and said the girl had consented.

British airlines seek to increase fares

Applications for air fare rises of up to 7½ per cent on scheduled services and up to 10 per cent on inclusive tour flights have been placed with the Civil Aviation Authority by British airlines.

If granted, after public hearings in September, some of the new rates would apply from November 1, and others from April 1, 1978.

British Airways has applied to increase the first-class single *fare from £43 to £45 between* London and Edinburgh and Glasgow, the tourist class single fare from £28 to £30, and the shuttle stand-by fare from £15 to £16.

British Caledonian has applied to increase their first-class fare on those routes from £43 to £48, the tourist class single fare from £28 to £32, and the stand-by fare from £15 to £17.

Between London and Belfast, *British Midland* Airways has applied to delete its first-class fare, and to increase the tourist single fare from £23 to £24.

Applications for fare increases of between 4 and 10 per cent on other routes have been received by the aviation authority from Air Anglia, Aurigny Air Services, British Airways, British Caledonian, British Island Airways, Brymon Aviation, Dan-Air Services, Intra Airways and Loganair.

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After the Grunwick judgment PM appeals to Mr Ward and Apex

House of Commons

Mr James Callaghan, Prime Minister, said at question time that he hoped there would be a drawing back by both sides in the Grunwick dispute and an acceptance of the verdict of the court. There would be no settlement, he said, if there was a firm stand on what was regarded as absolute principle and absolute right.

Mr Max Madden (Sowerby, Lab) had asked him—Does he expect the Leader of the Opposition (Mrs Thatcher) and other members of the National Association for Freedom to tell Mr Ward and his cronies inside and outside this House, in view of the verdict of the court, that they should accept the recommendation of Acas in regard to the recognition of trade unions by Grunwick?

Mr Callaghan—This dispute has shown a great many weaknesses on a great many issues and I do not want to take advantage of the judgment of the court to try to heighten the temperature.

It seems to me this is now an opportunity for Mr Ward to reconsider his position.

He has certain legal rights. He can appeal if he wishes to do so and he is entitled to do that, but I would hope he would consider the consequences of such an appeal and I would urge, too, that Apex should reconsider what they have now said about picketing.

They have said they do not wish mass picketing to go on and I hope that they will emphasize that matter again so that there can be a drawing back on both sides and that then there will be an acceptance of the verdict of the court.

Mr Sydney Bidwell (Ealing, Southall, Lab)—It now behoves if not the Leader of the Opposition at least the employment spokesman, brother Prior—(Laughter)—the Rt Hon member for Lowestoft, to get up and state that the essence of this dispute is the right to belong to a trade union? (Conservative cries of "Or not to belong".)

Mr Callaghan—I am willing to yield my answer to Mr Prior. I have always understood he took the view there was a right to belong to a trade union. If he feels like echoing the plea I made that there should be a cooling-off, I am sure he will rise and say so.

Mr James Prior, chief Opposition spokesman on employment (Lowestoft, C)—I agree with the remarks Mr Callaghan made in an earlier reply. I issued a statement on March 30.

There are many people, not confined to this side of the House, who believe that there are a large number of conditions where the right not to belong to a union is as important as the right to belong to a union, which of course we accept. (Cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—I have always taken the view that there is a right not to belong to a trade union when I was a trade unionist, but that is not the same as insisting on certain conditions which the Conservative Party have in the past insisted upon in relation to the closed shop.

The Conservative Party's attitude now on the closed shop is much closer to that of the Government. That is a great improvement and is likely to result in industrial peace.

Mr John Gorst (Barnet, Hendon, North, C)—The consequence of the High Court's findings this afternoon is that there is no obligation whatsoever on Acas to consult the majority of workers to whom the issue relates. Does he not feel, therefore, that there is a blemish in the law and that a change should be made?

Mr Callaghan—Of course any blemishes in the law can be examined in a dispassionate way when this dispute is out of the way.

What I hope he is now going to do is to advise those whom he has been consorting with to accept the verdict so that this small, tiny dispute which has been magnified out of all knowledge, can be put into the background and we can have negotiations properly between the union which the Lord Chief Justice recommends and the firm, and we can move on to consider anything else.

If he would do that, he would be making as great a contribution as any he has made in the past to industrial peace.

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South, Lab)—Nothing makes the law more of an ass in the eyes of ordinary persons than when it does not suit these certain people using it to talk about a blemish. The way to resolve the issue now the High Court has decided is instead of having legal squabbles and long arguments, to get a speedy solution.

Mr Callaghan—There are deep-seated feelings on both sides in this matter. Because they are so deep-seated, there will be no settlement if there is a firm stand on what is regarded as absolute principle and absolute right.

Now that Apex have called off the mass picketing, it only needs enough pickets to be there to man the six gates. I hope in the light of this decision, they will feel able to withdraw the pickets if Mr Ward will say he accepts the verdict of the court. This seems to me to be the honourable settlement for both sides.

Minister to consult about changes in law on picketing

Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, told Mr Leon Brittan, an Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs (Cleveland and Whitby, C) that he intended to consult with those principally concerned to see whether improvements in the law on picketing could be proposed.

Mr Brittan—If any changes in the law are to be made they must cover two vital principles: First, that it should not be possible for huge numbers of people to abuse the purpose of the law by assembling in numbers far in excess of what is needed to communicate or persuade.

Secondly, no one other than the police should be permitted to stop people going about their lawful business. (Conservative cheers and Labour interruptions.)

Mr Booth—I find it hard to draw a clear distinction in principle on the basis of one or two additional people.

If the law is to be precise on this matter, as I believe it may well have to be, we will have to measure in this House the advantages of limiting numbers against a proper extension of the right to picket and to form a view on whether this should include, with or without the aid of the police, the right to require a vehicle to stop at a picket line.

Mr Ronald Thomas (Bristol, North-West, Lab)—There are many of us in this House who will not support any panic measures to restrict the right of trade unions peacefully to picket. (Labour cheers.)

Those who have visited that site know full well that peaceful picketing cannot take place because a driver employed by the firm tries to drive a bus recklessly through the gates.

Would the minister call on the Opposition spokesman on employment (Mr Prior) to stand up and say if he believes in law and order and therefore supports the decision of the High Court which recommends that Apex should be the bargaining agent for these workers?

Mr Booth said it was for Mr Prior to decide whether or not to respond to that invitation.

There is no intention on the part of the Government he said to introduce panic measures. What I intend to do is to consult in a proper manner those concerned with the issue of picketing to maintain the right of people peacefully to picket and to communicate, and to recognize that there is at present a contradiction in the law and that it is not possible, as of now, to marry the right to drive a vehicle down a road unimpeded with the right peacefully to communicate at a picket line.

Sir David Renton (Huntingdonshire, C)—The Government's legislation in this Parliament has extended the law on picketing and the rights of picketing beyond what was reasonable and necessary in spite of the warnings given by the Opposition.

Will the minister therefore reconsider that legislation with a view to bringing a sense of good order back into this situation? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Booth—Sir David Renton is mistaken in his recollection of the Employment Protection Bill. The Government's proposed change in the law of picketing was in Clause 99 of the original Bill. That was rejected by the House.

The limitation on picketing which took place between 1906 and 1971 occurred in the Industrial Relations Act and the essential difference was that it took away the right to picket outside the residence of the owner of the factory. The right to picket outside the factory is basically that which has existed since 1906.

Mr John Evans (Newton, Lab)—During the committee stage of the Employment Protection Act a number of Labour backbenchers attempted to clarify the law on picketing. We received no support from the Opposition.

It is hypocritical of them now to demand that the law should be clarified.

Mr Booth—I confirm what Mr Evans has said. Proposals to limit the numbers of pickets came from Labour MPs. When the matter was brought to the floor of the House on report stage a similar proposal was put forward.

I hope in the light of what has taken place since then that the House might reconsider that proposal and might now take a different view upon it.

Mr Barney Hayhoe, an Opposition spokesman on employment (Hounslow, Brentford and Chiswick, C)—The minister has wholly misrepresented the situation. On June 20, 1974, in standing committee, I moved an amendment to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill which would have given the Secretary of State power to make regulations governing numbers and circumstances of picketing along the lines suggested by the then Secretary of State.

Mr Booth said he recalled the proceedings on the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act. He described accurately to the House when these changes took place.

Tory call for reopening Cricklewood office 'would make situation worse'

The Post Office should be told to keep the Cricklewood sorting office open and to instruct staff to handle mail, or have its monopoly to handle mail removed, Sir Keith Joseph, Opposition spokesman on industry, said, amid Labour protests.

He had asked for a statement about the steps being taken by the Post Office to ensure collection and delivery of mail in the NW2 area.

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry (Chesterfield, Lab)—The Post Office tells me that it has closed the Cricklewood sorting office due to the suspension of staff for refusing to work as directed. The Post Office has advised its customers that there will be no deliveries or collections in the London NW2 area until further notice and therefore that mail should not be addressed there. Customers resident in, or who work in, the NW2 area have been advised to post their stamped mail elsewhere. The Post Office regrets the inconvenience to the public.

Sir K. Joseph—In view of the statutory duty on the Post Office, why does it not keep the office open and instruct postmen to handle NW2 post? (Labour laughter and protests.) If the Post Office is unable or unwilling to carry out its statutory duty will the Government remove its statutory monopoly? (Some Conservative cheers.)

Mr Varley—Sir K. Joseph would not want me or any of my colleagues to take action which would make the situation worse. That is one of the difficulties in looking not only at this dispute, but to deal specifically with the second question, if we were to consider a derogation at this stage, it is our judgment that it would make more difficult the task of the court of inquiry and all those other matters which are being considered and our hope and wish is that the dispute should be settled as quickly as possible. The Union of Post Office Workers and Mr Tom Jackson are doing all they can to bring about a resumption of normal service.

Mr Neil Kinnock (Bedwellty, Lab)—The Conservative Party are obviously thoroughly enjoying Grunwick and all the disputes which are a consequence of this dispute. They rush to any demonstration of the deep-seated problems manifested by it like rats to offal.

The minister should give notice that there must be no retreat in the face of their hysteria or determined attempts to make electoral and political gains out of the fight for basic rights for trade unions.

Mr Varley—That question goes much wider than that asked by Sir K. Joseph. The Government view, voiced by the Secretary of State for Employment and the Attorney General, is that we want to see an end to the dispute as quickly as possible. We have been bending every effort and endeavour to see how we can assist.

Mr Maurice Macmillan (Farnham, C)—Obeying the law is a single matter and echoing the Prime Minister's appeal to accept the judgment of the court, will he do something to ensure that the Post Office obeys the law and continues to deliver letters?

Mr Varley—The action of the Post Office so far in carrying out its statutory duty in accordance with the 1953 and 1969 Acts has been exemplary. They have taken action in accordance with the letter of the law. No doubt Sir K. Joseph has taken steps to question the Post Office itself about its action.

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South, Lab)—Will Mr Varley continue to use his common sense, not let this escalate, and take account of the judgment, by resisting the advice of Sir K. Joseph?

At the same time he should recognize that Post Office workers in Cricklewood and Willesden would be only too pleased to restore service, indeed an added service. They have an interest in increased employment in London, in giving more people jobs, if only we can resolve this initial problem.

Mr Varley—The Union of Post Office Workers are meeting at this moment to see what additional advice they can give their members to fulfil Mr Pavitt's aims.

Mr John Gorst (Barnet, Hendon, North, C)—Over 1,000 bags of backlogged mail, which was not being accepted at Cricklewood were posted last weekend.

In view of this, now that there is no more Grunwick mail being held up, the action of the Post Office workers at Grunwick is irrelevant.

Would he urge them to go back to work? Are any of the 100,000 items posted as widely as Truro, Preston and East Anglia at the weekend being held up at present? Mr Varley—I understand that the National Association for Freedom are claiming widespread posting of the firm's mail. At some offices it is being handled normally and other staff are seeking advice from the union.

There will be those who would say that the fact that the mail is being deliberately distributed in the way suggested by Mr Gorst is in itself a provocative act. (Loud Conservative protests.)

I am only saying that the Government for their part are doing everything they can to try to bring about a peaceful solution to this dispute, and trying to make sure that the mail is delivered in accordance with the statutory obligations laid down by the Post Office Acts. That is all we are trying to do. Mr Gorst and others who share his view should take that into account.

Mr William Molloy (Ealing, North, Lab)—The involvement of the Post Office workers is a direct result of the stupid attitude of Grunwick management. It does not lie in the mouths of Conservatives like Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr James Prior to talk as they did at the weekend about joint negotiations and joint talks when they are not prepared to stand up and condemn a situation created by Grunwick essentially because Grunwick will not even talk.

Mr Varley—The aim of the Government throughout has been to try to bring an end to the dispute. The Post Office workers are honest, decent chaps who want to get on with their work and do their job. They feel strongly about this dispute. In the main the Union of Post Office Workers have been bending every effort to see that mail is delivered in NW2 and right throughout the country.

I am saying to Mr Gorst that he and his colleagues should take that into account in any actions they propose.

Sir Keith Joseph—Is he associating himself with the view that for the firm to use its legal rights to post letters in order to survive is provocative?

Mr Varley—I am not saying that at all. The law is made to be observed. There is no doubt about that. I am not saying anything new. We are saying that the union—and this is acknowledged—want to see the mail resumed as quickly as possible. (Cries of "Answer".) I would ask all MPs, particularly Conservatives, to bear that in mind.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons—Today at 2.30: Criminal Law Bill, remaining stages.

House of Lords—Today at 2.30: Debate on the problems of unemployed young people.

Flagrant violation of law condemned

House of Lords

When Mr Varley's statement was repeated in the Lords, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone said the time had come for the Prime Minister to go on television and appeal to his supporters to obey the rule of law.

He said the public was becoming increasingly anxious about this affair. It was only a few days since the Government announced the court of inquiry coupled with an appeal to those concerned, and those not concerned, to enable the court of inquiry to carry on its investigations in an atmosphere of calm.

Since then there had been the appalling violence of yesterday. The question and the statement related only to the correspondence of NW2 but that correspondence was not limited to Grunwick.

Perfectly innocent inhabitants of that area apparently could not either receive their mail at all or post their mail except elsewhere.

They had heard today about the spreading of action to Nottingham. All this was in complete defiance of the Government's appeal, and a flagrant violation of the law.

One wonders (he said) where the rule of law is going in this country.

The time has come for the Prime Minister to go on the television and appeal to his supporters directly to obey the rule of law, to obey the appeal which has been made by the Government to allow the investigation to go through in peace and quiet.

Had the people concerned in this matter no respect for the law at all, had they no control whatever over some of their followers?

The Government must begin to realize that this matter was striking at the foundations of parliamentary government. It was becoming extremely dangerous ground for constitutional liberty.

Lord Winterbottom, Lord in Waiting, said the concern felt by the public was shared by the Government and both Houses of Parliament. They all shared the concern at the way this incident was developing.

As to the blacking of Grunwick mail which had been posted outside the London area, he understood this was an action initiated by the National Association for Freedom. In certain areas this embargo patch was refused and the staff at those offices were seeking the advice of their union, the Union of Post Office Workers.

MPs interrupt a colleague who condemns intimidation by pickets

The violence that had taken place outside Grunwick yesterday and on previous occasions was of such a serious nature that it required a reexamination of the law of picketing, Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, said.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow East, C) had asked if the Secretary of State was satisfied with the progress being made in finding a mediated solution to the industrial dispute affecting Grunwick.

Mr Booth—I have appointed a court of inquiry into this dispute. The inquiry is now under way.

Mr Dykes—The policy of large numbers, with the huge demonstration held yesterday, is out of place, irresponsible and bound to inflame the situation and make it much worse than otherwise.

Will he prevail on the TUC to have a proper debate on picketing at their conference in September? Would it not be better to have a code of conduct with a specific ratio of pickets to the number of employees in an industrial dispute?

Mr Booth—What was so out of place yesterday, and condemned by the Government, TUC and Apex, was the violence demonstrated. It was atypical and carried out by a small and unrepresentative minority.

While it will be necessary to examine the implications for the law of picketing, I do not think we should do anything to suggest that what happened was in any way representative of the way industrial disputes are conducted in this country.

Mr Bruce Douglas-Mann (Merton, Mitcham and Morden, Lab)—There are many people in the Labour Party who, while they have no sympathy whatever for Grunwick, regard the kind of picketing that has been taking place there as intimidation and a threat to freedom and also inevitably creating the violence that took place. (Conservative cheers.)

Is it not time the Government put their authority behind an appeal to members of the trade unions—(Labour interruptions)—not to take part in that sort of picketing?

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—Go and join John Gorst.

Mr Douglas-Mann—Violence is inevitable if that sort of picketing . . . (Loud Labour interruptions).

Mr Booth—I do not accept that violence is inevitable in a large-scale demonstration. If the call of the TUC and Apex had been heeded by all who took part in the demonstration, there would have been no violence. But I accept fully that the violence that has taken place outside Grunwick, both yesterday and on a previous occasion, is of such a serious nature that it requires a reexamination of the law of picketing.

Mr James Prior, chief Opposition spokesman on employment—It is simply not good enough for the Government to condemn violence. What they have to do is condemn the numbers picketing and at the same time they should have condemned the demonstration which took place yesterday, which no one except a Government as naive as this one, could not possibly have believed would not lead to violence.

Will he come out firmly and say numbers should be reduced to what they were before violence started some weeks ago, and large picketing and demonstrations should be called off while the court of inquiry is sitting? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Booth—Mr Prior knows full well that a change in the law which would have to be debated by the House would be required.

He added that the Government had offered considerable advice on the matter.

I have been in talks (he said) with the leaders of the union and with the TUC. If the advice which I and the leaders of the TUC and the union had been accepted, there would not have been the violent action which took place yesterday.

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South, Lab)—There is clear distinction between the numbers of pickets outside Grunwick which the police have agreed with the unions, compared with the demonstrators alongside who have nothing to do with the genuine picketing that goes on.

Even when there are 1,000 people in the Cooper Road area the majority are pursuing their aims of trying to make an impact on an intransigent situation without violence.

The rule of law and order should be complied with by Mr Ward to accept the ruling of law and order without further delays.

Mr Booth—I hope Mr Ward and the management of Grunwick will accept the rules of law and order. The announcement of the Lord Chief Justice in the High Court indicates the view of the court is that the Acas recommendation that Grunwick should recognize and negotiate with Apex should be upheld. (Labour cheers.)

Government victory on Price Commission Bill

Any believer in the mixed economy must be worried at the imposition of further controls on industry which might cause the profits decline of the last few years to deteriorate still further, the Earl of Mansfield (C), speaking for the Opposition, said when discussion on the committee stage of the Price Commission Bill was resumed.

On Clause 9 (Safeguards for basic profits), he moved an amendment to provide a proper safety net with truly protective safeguards.

He said unless the safeguards were made stronger a situation might arise where if the Price Commission made a mistake, or exercised the discretion which the Bill placed upon it, a company might suffer lasting damage without hope of recompense.

Lord Oram, Lord in Waiting, said that the safeguard proposals of the Government went a long way towards meeting the substance of the Opposition amendment.

They proposed that firms should be entitled to preserve a profit margin equivalent to 80 per cent of their margin at a base date while they were being investigated. For firms with a low level of profitability, 100 per cent of the base margin could be preserved.

The Price Commission would have a duty to allow interim price increases in these circumstances. If costs rose sharply in the course of an investigation, firms could claim a second interim price increase if they considered this necessary.

The Government could not accept demands for safeguards set at such high levels that firms with historically high profit margins would be protected from the effects of an investigation and price restraint where in the view of the commission these were appropriate.

Within these constraints, the comments of the industry on the Government consultative documents would be carefully considered before the regulations were made.

The amendment was rejected: 96 votes to 92—Government majority, four.

The committee stage was concluded.

Protection Bill

Lord Byers (L) was given leave to introduce a Bill to protect individuals, companies and businesses from the direct or indirect consequences and pressures of foreign boycotts, requests or conditions. The Bill was read a first time.

The British Railways Bill was read a second time.

The Control of Office Development Bill passed its committee stage. The Water Charges Equalization Bill was read the third time and passed.

House adjourned, 8.46 pm.

Party study will have no impact on defence

The Government's policy on defence was clear and understood and it was not affected by a proposal for more cuts by a study group of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party, the Prime Minister, Mr James Callaghan, said.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C), had asked the Prime Minister to join the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Frederick Mulley) to repudiate a report by the Labour Party committee on defence which proposed yet further large cuts in defence spending, which had led to demoralization of the armed forces. Would he totally repudiate it?

Mr Callaghan—I have not noted any demoralization of the armed forces and I have had as much opportunity as anybody else of seeing them in recent weeks. As regards the National Executive Committee report, it is not a report of theirs but by a study group.

I have the feeling, having looked through the complete list of names on the study group, that if they all assembled there would be a majority against the findings of the study group which I gather were endorsed yesterday by three votes to two.

The Government's view was made clear by Mr Mulley and there is no need for me to gild that particular lily. The Government's policy is and will be carried out.

Mrs Thatcher—Does that rejection extend to the two Cabinet ministers who are members of the committee?

Mr Callaghan—At the risk of jeers from the Opposition, there is no reason why I should answer questions about the work of the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party. But to make the position clear, I thought that the statement by Mr Mulley yesterday was perfect in every word and that goes for every other minister.

Frankly, it is not the business of the Opposition to ask or expect me to reply to questions on these matters. It is a certain practice that has grown up recently in this House, Mr Speaker, and I am under your guidance under these matters. As long as you permit the questions, I shall answer them.

I want to make it clear that the Government's policy on defence is there. It is well understood. If the National Executive Committee were to endorse this policy it would have as much standing as any other statement by the executive committee. But in this case it could not affect Government policy.

New MP

Mr Alan Haselhurst, who won the Saffron Walden by-election for the Conservatives last Thursday was introduced.

Review of police pay negotiating machinery: courts to get power to pass partly suspended prison sentences

If the Government acted with speed and determination in launching a crusade against crime they would deserve and receive the full support of Parliament and the country, Mr William Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Opposition (Penrith and the Border, C) said in opening a debate on crime prevention.

But if (he went on) they continue to feed our nation on a diet of inaction and platitudes, which has been their wont in all too many things, they will rightly earn the condemnation of all those law-abiding citizens who simply want to live their family lives in an atmosphere free from fear of the mugger, the burglar, the robber and the vandal.

He said the time for soothing words and pious platitudes had gone. Action was needed. Crime figures for England and Wales from January to March showed a 10 per cent increase over the same period last year.

The harsh truth (he said) is that the Government are not fulfilling their first duty to uphold the law and protect the life, liberty and property of their citizens.

The heart of any attack on the growing army of criminals must be a fully manned, well equipped, contented police force convinced that it was backed by the Government, Parliament and the nation. But police knew they were undermanned and under equipped. Pay was not the only issue.

If the Opposition judged it to be necessary, they would set up another commission such as the Willink Commission in 1962 to recommend what position the police should occupy in the salary scales.

If this Government had not produced new arrangements for negotiating police pay in the longer term the Opposition would do so. They would end the cutback of civilian support which took police officers out of the front line where they were needed into administrative jobs. They would also end the cutback of cadets which hindered the training and supply of future police officers.

Magistrates all over the country were crying out almost if not entirely unanimously: "Give us back the powers to lock up the hard core of young offenders in secure accommodation whenever this seems necessary." But the Government refused to act.

As more people were robbed and beaten by these young thugs the Government's position became increasingly incomprehensible. If there was a good reason for inaction the Home Secretary should say what it was.

Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland (Glasgow, Craigton, Lab) said they should not be submerged in despondency because much was being done to combat crime and the country could still be proud of its peaceful traditions. But they would be hiding their heads in the sand to suggest that everything was as it should be, although the vast majority still wanted to abide by the law and support it.

The depressing fact is (he said) that the figures look once again to be on the increase.

There had been an increase in violence against the person, criminal damage and burglary, but sex offences, fraud and forgery recorded by the police, continued to fall.

The police service was facing difficulties as a result of restrictions on public spending. But the service had been treated favourably. Total expenditure had not been cut but increased in real terms to allow authorities to recruit officers freely up to their establishments.

Thus (he said) despite the restrictions, the Government are prepared to spend on law, order, and protective services £280m more at constant prices than in the last year of the previous administration, 1973-74.

Total police strength had risen by more than 7,000 since the beginning of 1975, mainly in areas previously most under strength. In London, the Metropolitan Police force took 1,300 of the increase. Recent figures in some areas had however been disappointing.

Contrary to some press reports the provision for overtime was the same in the Metropolitan force this year as for last.

The Government believed it was important that the police should be properly remunerated for the difficult and often dangerous work which they did.

The Police Council had set up a working group which was seeking to establish the current facts about the levels of police pay and an up-to-date survey was being made of police earnings. He hoped that the considered views of that working group would become available within a few weeks.

He regretted that the Police Federations for England, Wales and Northern Ireland had declined to take part in the work of that group. He hoped that the steps that had been taken would provide a reasonable and objective starting point so that when police pay fell for review on September 1 they could have realistic discussions.

The Home Secretary, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and himself intended to set up a review of the police negotiating machinery. He knew there had been some concern that the review body had not been established more quickly but they were anxious to have consultations with all sides before settling the terms of reference.

He was glad to announce the terms of reference. They were:

"To review the machinery for negotiating those matters relating to pay and conditions of the police service in the United Kingdom now dealt with by the Police Council, having regard to (i) the interests and responsibilities of all the recognized representative bodies for the police service; (ii) the interests and the responsibilities of the Secretaries of State and police authorities for the efficiency, good management and financing of the police service; (iii) the special position of the police service as a disciplined service responsible for the maintenance of law and order; and to make recommendations."

He hoped that the composition of the review body would be announced soon and that it would start quickly. They wanted its report and recommendations to be available as soon as possible. There was no time to lose.

For serious offences it was appropriate that long prison sentences should be available to the courts. The interim report published by the Advisory Council on the Penal System on maximum penalties, in relation to England and Wales, argued that in the vast majority of cases where they were not dealing with serious crimes significantly shorter prison sentences would be equally as effective as longer ones.

If they could achieve this they would relieve the pressure on prisons and enable them to do their job more effectively with the serious offenders who had been convicted on many occasions.

A new clause would be brought forward on the report stage of the Criminal Law Bill tomorrow (Wednesday) to give courts power when passing sentences of imprisonment to order that part of it be spent in custody and part be held in suspense, to be activated if the offender committed another offence during that period.

What they were trying to do in the Criminal Law Bill and other ways was to improve the range of sentences available to the courts and to bring sentencing policy up to date, bring the fines procedure up to date and allow the courts maximum scope and availability of sentences, given that while the House might guide the courts at the end of the day sentencing policy was a matter for the courts themselves.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C) said that listening to Mr Millan no one would have imagined that 140 policemen had been injured at Grunwick and that Post Office workers were breaking the law in relation to that dispute, or that 291 criminal offences were being committed every hour of each day in England and Wales.

The level of crime had risen ten-fold since just before the war. The fastest growing industry in Britain was juvenile crime. There was a decline in moral standards and the country was now reaping a bitter harvest from a generation who could not care less and from an over-permissive society.

The number of officers injured at Grunwick was a national disgrace. Those who organized the demonstration on Monday must share the blame for the behaviour of the thugs whose one aim was to attack and overpower the police.

The Government had failed all too frequently to give to the police the open public support they needed and deserved. While the police were up against it ministers emphasized the need to let more criminals out of prison earlier, to reduce sentences and release on parole the type of prisoner who in some cases the police had risked their lives to arrest.

There was a mood of despair and in some cases of near revolt among the police.

Those who had been responsible for most of the violence at Brunwick's were the anarchists and revolutionary socialists who were using every device, including the deliberate injection of racial hatred and attempts to suborn the police, to bring about a breakdown of law and order.

Mr Bruce George (Walsall, South, Lab) said that there should be registration or licensing for the private security industry. The numbers in the industry were more than in the official police and the industry had expanded considerably. One was more likely in London to see "Securicor cares" on a van than "Police".

It was easy for people with serious criminal records to penetrate the industry and he was compiling a dossier for the Home Office. There was a danger of people inside the industry tipping off people outside about the movement of money.

Mr Roger Sims (Bromley, Chislehurst, C) said the Government's limitation of the number of probation officers was shortsighted.

Mr Peter Doig (Dundee, West, Lab) said pickets should be restricted to the people who worked in the factory where the strike took place. (Conservative cheers.). If this was done there would be a lot less trouble.

The effect of the action of trade unionists who imagined they were travelling miles to champion trade union rights was the opposite of what they intended. It turned ordinary people against trade unions.

He would like to see capital punishment restored. If one looked at the figures there was a stonewall case for restoring it.

A judge should have power to impose corporal punishment if he thought it was justified.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet, East, C) said it was relevant to ask what other police force in the world during the last few days could have coped with the vicious thugs outside the Grunwick factory without so much as drawing a single truncheon.

Britain could benefit tremendously by having a large well trained and efficient police reserve, the foundations for which were there in the special constabulary. It was little short of a national tragedy that this fine volunteer police reserve should be allowed to wither on the vine and run down. A revitalization process was needed.

Mr John Ryman (Blyth, Lab) said the conduct of the Home Secretary (Mr Merlyn Rees) in the negotiations on police pay had been scandalous.

We have (he said) a Home Secretary who has at once quarrelled with the police force, prison force, and probation officers. It is a deplorable state of affairs.

Mr Edward Gardner (South Fylde, C) said the agitators at Grunwick were not friends of order and justice. What they had been doing had nothing to do with peaceful picketing but had degenerated into criminal activity which the country must not tolerate.

Mr Clement Freud (Isle of Ely, L) said it was not football which begot hooliganism. It just happened that at the moment, when somebody wanted to be a hooligan, he joined Manchester United supporters' club in just the same way that Americans used to join the Ku Klux Klan.

If there were no football (he said) the hooligans would hive in on darts, bowls, table tennis or whatever.

A Labour MP: Or the Liberal Party. (Laughter.)

Mr Freud said the police should be given more consideration over their pay claim.

Mr Ivor Clemitson (Luton, East, Lab) said more and more law was not backed by penal sanctions but relied on consent and cooperation. This was particularly true of industrial relations law. Development of this kind was a sign of society maturing and placed upon everybody more, not less, responsibility.

Mr John Page (Harrow, West, C) said that in London the first three months of the year about half of the overtime worked last year had been taken up. As the amount of money for overtime was to be held at last year's level, the remaining money would be spread thinly and could result in the loss of £60 to £70 a month in a policeman's earnings.

They should be assured that the thin blue line was not going to become a thin dotted line with reduced police cover at a time of increasing crime.

Mr Graham Page (Crosby, C) said Parliament should set up a commission to consider again whether corporal punishment should be introduced.

Mr Edward Taylor, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland (Glasgow, Cathcart, C) said there was mounting concern that the battle against crime was apparently being lost. An urgent review of policies, attitudes and priorities was needed.

Mr Brynmor John, Minister of State, Home Office (Pontypridd, Lab) said the two most serious rises in types of crime were criminal damage, up by 19 per cent, and violence against the person, up by 9 per cent. These figures gave cause for the utmost alarm.

In contrast, outside the Metropolitan District robberies, including muggings, were down by 11 per cent last year and burglary by 1 per cent.

He did not believe hanging was a deterrent against murder. Whereas crimes of violence generally had risen by 170 per cent, crimes of homicide had risen by 61 per cent.

The debate concluded.

The Scot who was owed 3p by the English

If a Scot were to leave England with the English owing him three pence it would be a serious matter, Mr John Golding, Under Secretary for Employment, said amid laughter.

He had earlier told Mr James Dempsey (Coatbridge and Airdrie, Lab)—I am satisfied that procedures for paying unemployment benefit which becomes due for past periods meet the requirements of social security regulations and that the costs of making such payments are not generally expensive although the procedure is sometimes necessarily less than perfect when very small balances remain to be paid to the claimant.

Mr Dempsey—One of my constituents who returned from England had arrears of unemployment benefit forwarded by an English employment exchange and amounting to three pence.

The cost of purchasing paper, preparing it, issuing it and posting it by Giro is much more than three pence. We should adopt a more acceptable economic practice for small amounts of benefit.

Mr Golding (Newcastle under Lyme, Lab)—We would find ourselves in a serious situation if a Scot had left England with the English owing him three pence. (Laughter.)

Under the regulations we are bound to make the payment though the circumstances in which this one was made deserve consideration.

Right of access to grand children

Mr Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge, C), was given leave to bring in the Guardianship (Amendment) Bill to amend the Guardianship of Minors Act, 1971 and 1973 and the Guardianship of Children (Scotland) Acts, 1886 to 1973, to enable grandparents to apply to magistrates' court or county court for access to grandchildren.

He said a couple in his constituency had been denied access to their grandchildren whose parents had been killed. They were not legally entitled even to see the children. He had discovered this was a widespread problem.

He had blundered upon a major deficiency in family law which had caused deep human anguish to many children and their grandparents.

The duty of a court would be to have as its paramount consideration the interest and well being of the child or children and it would be entitled not to grant an access order.

The Bill was read a first time.

Private Bills

The Fidelity Trust Bill and the International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill were read the third time.

'Almost tragic' to talk of wage claims of 20%

If pay claims of the order of 20 per cent became a reality the Government could not maintain their firm intention to secure a level of inflation no greater than that of the country's major competitors, Mr James Callaghan, said.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) said at question time—In his anxiety to obtain the semblance of an agreement on pay with the TUC, will the Prime Minister take into account the interests of millions of people who are not members of a trade union?

Will he in particular try to evolve a pay policy which will allow the resistance of claims that would lead to further substantial increases in community fares, not to mention gas and electricity prices with their consequences for the community often not represented by a trade union?

Mr Callaghan—The overcoming of inflation is a policy for the benefit of the whole of the community. That is why the Government have been so insistent on trying to achieve this. On wage claims I regard it as almost tragic that at this point in history when the rate of inflation is now on all sides and by all accounts about to turn down, that people should be talking about claims of the order of 20 per cent.

If such claims were turned into reality in an attempt, a vain attempt, to recover the ground that was lost last year the result would be that the Government could in no circumstances maintain their firm intention and belief to secure a return to the level of inflation that would be no greater than that of our major competitors.

WEST EUROPE

M Mitterrand draws a sombre picture of French economy

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, July 12

M François Mitterrand, the Socialist Party leader, said that at Carpentras M Giscard d'Estaing had opened hostilities against more than half the people of France. He had spoken like the captain of the Government majority, the president of the right and of the conservatives, the protector of the big capitalists.

He would be no more than that so long as he did not "accept the left as a natural and necessary component of the French nation". M Mitterrand said in a comment on the President's speech last Friday.

"France needs a President for all Frenchmen", he added, picking up one of M Giscard d'Estaings' own election campaign slogans. "France expects of him something other than permanently renewed promises."

The Socialist leader went on to draw a sombre picture of the economic situation. Inflation by the end of the year would be 10 per cent instead of the lower figure predicted, 100,000m francs (£12,000m); the foreign debt would exceed the trade deficit would exceed 10,000m francs, according to the OECD; industrial production was stagnant.

The Socialist Party would soon quantify the "common programme of the right", on the basis of the promises made by the President, the Government and parties of the majority. It should show a deficit of 200,000m francs offset by not one new source of revenue, and it even suspended the implementation of the special anti-inflation levy on companies, and the capital gains tax.

Launching into a violent attack on the employers federation for setting up funds to finance election propaganda against the left, M. Mitterand said that since May, as part of a plan it had drawn up, more than 1,000m francs had been collected "to buy the consciences of Frenchmen". Money was being poured into 130 reputedly shaky constituencies. A huge propaganda and publicity campaign had been launched in the press against the common programme of the left.

The offensive of big capital was combined with the Government's control of radio and television. "There is now a domesticated radio and television from which one cannot expect, save by accident, objective news", he said.

The left was constantly being pillorised for its allegedly ruinous government proposals. But the "master sof the economy, who should be spending money on production and development, refuse to pay taxes and divert it into propaganda against the left."

M Mitterrand said the tax council in its recen treport, had confirmed the Socialist Party's criticism of tax evasion. In the 15 years that M Giscard d'Estaing had been responsible almost uninterruptedly for taxation policy, company tax had increased half as fast as income tax.

"The policy of M Giscard d'Estaing and M Barre is perceptible through their tax policy, money goes to money, through favour, exemption, and fraud", M Mitterrand declared.

He strongly condemned the President's suggestions about a possible communist *coup d'etat* if the left won. The left would respect the procedure for revision of the constitution, and the French people would decide.

It was false to pretend that the reforms listed in the common programme would deprive the President of the powers he now enjoyed. But his "reserved powers", which were an abuse if not a violation of the constitution, would no longer be justified.

$2m ransom paid in Geneva for Fiat man

From Alan McGregor
Geneva, July 12

A $2m (about £1.2m) ransom was handed over in Geneva last Friday for the release of Signor Luchino Revelli-Beaumont, the kidnapped head of Fiat's French subsidiary.

The Swiss police said today that they were advised of this yesterday after the release of Signor Revelli-Beaumont, aged 58, near Versailles. Their informant was the man who had given the money to "four men of Latin American appearance".

They declined to reveal the man's identity, saying this was a matter for the person concerned. He was obviously a trusted individual acting on instructions from the kidnapped man's family.

He told the police the meeting took place in a lakeside street in the centre of the city in the early evening.

Our Paris Correspondent writes: Signor Revelli-Beaumont never saw the faces of his kidnappers during the three months they held him captive. Little emerged from his press conference today to indicate who they might be or how his family had managed to pay the ransom.

Accompanied by his wife and lawyers, his voice, in heavily accented, French, scarcely ever rising above the clatter of the press cameras, he described how touched he had been by the loyalty of his family and friends throughout the ordeal.

Some of the 2,000 Basques, seen near San Sebastian, who began a 280-mile march for amnesty and autonomy yesterday.

Debate on six-party pact opens in Italy

From Our Correspondent
Rome, July 12

Italy's Chamber of Deputies, the lower house, today began a lengthy debate on the agreement recently reached by the ruling Christian Democratic Party and five other parties, which makes parliamentary history.

For the first time a Goverment programme is being presented not by the Prime Minister or the Government, but by parliamentary parties, five of which are not even in the Government. It is also the first time that a Government programme is being presented as a parliamentary motion.

The six-party agreement also involves the Communist Party in policy-making for the first time in 30 years. The Communists, along with the Socialists, Social Democrats, Republicans and Liberals, have hitherto directly or indirectly supported the Christian Democratic minority Government of Signor Andreotti in Parliament.

Today's opening session was mainly devoted to procedural matters. The Debate is expected to last until Friday.

Although the debate is expected to be a pure formality as the six parties jointly command an overwhelming majority, some of the issues on which they did not fully reach agreement could prompt a lively discussion.

These include the difficult problem of transferring more power to Italy's regional governments.

Resistance to yielding too much of the central power to the regions, the strongholds of the Communist Party, has been particularly strong within the ranks of the Christian Democratic Party ver such issues as agriculture and commerce.

The agreement also involves stricter measures to cope with Italy's law and order crisis and economic measures aimed at fighting inflation and increasing productivity. Also discussed are the reforms of the educational system and the methods by which heads of public bodies are selected, with a view to ending political patronage.

Baader-Meinhof lawyer sought

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, July 12

A warrant for the arrest of a defence lawyer accused of actively supporting the Baader-Meinhof terrorist gang was reissued today after it became known that he had fled to France.

Dr Klaus Croissant, whose practice is in Stuttgart, crossed the French border without difficulty yesterday, although his identity papers are in police hands under a court order.

The original arrest warrant was issued in 1975, and Dr Croissant spent two periods in custory for investigation in 1975 and 1976 on suspicion of "active support of a criminal association".

Nearly a year ago, the order remanding him in custody was lifted when he paid DM80,000 (£10,000) bail and surrendered his documents. He was also required to visit a police station twice a week. The authorities took the view that he was unlikely to try to leave the country.

Second Madrid explosion

Madrid, July 12.—Another bomb exploded today in a Madrid building used by the French Embassy's cultural services and an extreme left-rist urban guerrilla group claimed responsibility.

The bomb went off at 4 am just 12 hours after a dynamite explosion ripped through the library of the building, injuring tow people. A French Embassy spokesman said that the police found a third bomb and defused it.

Later today, an anonymous caller told the newspaper *Informaciones* that Grapo (the First of October Groups of anti-Felcist Resistance) was responsible for the explosions which were directed against the "monopolistic Government" of France.—Reuter.

Conflicting claims on Paris printing peace

From Ian Murray
Paris, July 12

Peace, albeit a rather uncertain one, has come to the troubled newspaper, *Le Parisien Libéré* with the signing today of a 50-page agreement between the communist dominated Syndicat du Livre and M Claude Bellanger, the newspaper's new director.

The agreement, which gives continuing rights of employment to many of the workers and generous early retirement terms, has been hailed by M Henri Krasucki, the secretary of the Communist trade union confederation, CGT, as "a great workers' victory". M Bellanger, more cautiously regards it as merely the means to an end.

The dispute began openly on March 3, 1975, when the management decided to drop its broadsheet publication and change to tabloid, abolishing 22 daily regional editions. At the time the newspaper was selling 900,000 copies and claimed more than a million and a half readers.

As part of the change 52 journalists and 233 of the 600 print workers were to lose their job. As a result a work to rule started. It finally led, on May 6, 1975, to an occupation of the printing works in the Rue d'Enghien.

To keep public attention focused on the dispute, the workers carried out some spectacular stunts. In September, 1975, they invaded the Paris Stock Exchange. As a result one senior policeman and one other man died of a heart attack.

In October, 200 workers climbed the towers of Notre Dame cathedral and showered the square with leaflets. A few days later the same operation was carried out from the top of the Porte Saint-Martin.

In November a sitting of the National Assembly was interrupted by a protest. The following March the printers occupied the liner France in Le Havre. In May they occupied the town hall at St Etienne, where M Durafour, who was then Minister of Labour, was mayor.

Then in July the finish of the Tour de France cycle race on the Champs Elysées was the target.

The most sinister action was a bomb attack which killed M Bernard Cabanes, editor-in-chief of Agence France-Presse, who had the same name as his opposite number on *Le Parisien Libéré*.

Agitation and demonstrations were going on ever since the management tried to begin printing copies of the newspaper in Belgium in May, 1975. Lorries carrying the newspaper were stopped and thousands of copies were burnt in the streets. The same kind of protests occurred when workers from the Force Ouvrière, the Socialist-led trade union federation, were asked to print the newspaper in the provinces. This led to a dozen stoppages in other Paris newspapers.

As a result nearly 80 workers were tried for a variety of offences including theft and vandalism. Finally last December, the police were called in to clear the occupied premises of *Le Parisien Libéré*.

These events placed the struggle at the hub of the far left movement in France—a form of catalyst of opinion much as Grunwick is in Britain today. There seemed no end to the struggle.

Then, last January M Emilien Amaury, the owner of the newspaper, was killed in an accident while horseriding. His successor, M Bellanger, appears to hve taken a less rigid line in negotiations.

Quietly and with little publicity the talks have continued and have led to the agreement. This grants 110 workers a job from August 1, and gives other work or early retirement to another 300.

The conditions of work and employment are to be the same as for the rest of the Paris press, so that salaries at the newspaper's plant at Saint-Ouen will be increased by 15 per cent.

Despite the claims of the CGT that this represents total victory, M Bellanger does seem to have won some concessions. Of the 110 workers he has agreed to take on, only 62 will work for *Le Parisien Livere*, while the others go to work on other newspapers.

He also claims to have broken the closed shop imposed by the CGT. Just how much each side has won remains to be seen.

The Government, which will have to pay the bill for early retirement, has not yet said that it will accept the agreement, but the signs are that it will do so.

Appeal by Paris weekly fails in 'bugging' case

Paris, July 12.—An appeal court today ruled that the satirical weekly *Le Canard Enchaîné* had no case against government counter-intelligence agents whom it accuses of "bugging" its offices in Paris four years ago.

Counsel for the weekly announced that he would appeal in a higher court. Today's ruling, he said, "confirms that the police is all-powerful in the eyes of the judicial system".

The court ruled that investigation had failed to support the magazine's allegations against the agents in question. Moreover, the demand for a subpoena on the agents went beyond the powers of an examining magistrate.—Agence France-Presse.

Three beaches are closed through pollution

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, July 12

Three of the five beaches round Cherbourg have been closed by the local authorities because of the polluted waters. The three include the Plage Napoléon, on the town's harbour, and two beaches at Equeurdreville-La Saline and St Anne.

The authorities in Equeurdreville, although agreeing to having their beaches closed because of the finding of an analysis taken recently, have asked for another analysis to be done.

The disclosure last week of 37 seaside resorts with water unfit to bathe in, has provoked a great deal of loud protests from the towns named. Mayors are claiming that they have sewage pumped on to their beaches from other towns, which are paying nothing towards cleaning them.

OVERSEAS

Rhodesians challenge optimism of Anglo-American team on chances of a settlement

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, July 12

There is confusion here over a strongly worded and pessimistic statement by the Rhodesian Government on the state of the constitutional settlement talks, which is in contrast with that emanating at the weekend from the Anglo-American camp.

Sources close to Mr John Graham, the British emissary, and Mr Stephen Low, the United States Ambassador to Zambia, indicated that progress had been made even though serious obstacles still remained. It was made quite clear that there was no strong objection to a British-controlled and managed administration running the country during a period of three to six months between the resignation of the Smith Government and the creation of a black-dominated government emerging from a general election.

But the *Rhodesian Herald* reported today that Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, had made it very clear to the envoys on Sunday that unless the British Government had a complete change of mind on certain fundamental issues there was no hope of a settlement.

Comments by Mr Graham and Mr Low that the talks had gone "very well" were challenged by a Government spokesman, who said that the position was "quite the reverse".

He added: "It is important that this should be said for we cannot be party to building up false hopes in the minds of Rhodesians. The Prime Minister made it very clear to the two envoys that he was disappointed and dissatisfied in what they had brought. They were now suggesting proposals which were completely outside the parameters which had been agreed with Dr Owen (the Foreign Secretary) at the commencement of this settlement initiative."

Mr Smith had made it clear that unless the British Government had a complete change of mind on certain fundamental issues, for example, the need to retain the confidence of white Rhodesians, there was no hope of a settlement. "This is the very clear and precise message which Mr Graham will be taking back to Dr Owen."

Once again the British Government was pandering to the militant Patriotic Front which had stated that it wanted immediate power before constitutional negotiations, the spokesman went on. The record had to be put straight after the false impressions of progress given by the Anglo-American consultative team.

The Rhodesian spokesman described as "absolute rubbish" the report that there would be a British-controlled and managed transitional government if the talks were successful.

"Assuming we even got to that stage, there is no agreement on the government being controlled or managed by the British Government." The suggestion that the transition could take from three to six months "has no bearing on the realities of life".

The main problem seemed to be that the British Government was trying to lean over backwards to meet the demands of the Patriotic Front. "In view of this there is great suspicion in the minds of Rhodesians that Dr Owen is not prepared to abide by his earlier commitment that no one group in the talks would be allowed to hold the power of veto."

Observers have noted that instead of flying to Maputo on Sunday to see Mr Robert Mugabe, the co-leader of the Patriotic Front, as he had originally planned, Mr Graham flew straight to London with Mr Low. The latter had planned to return to Lusaka.

This seems to indicate that the growing optimism in the Anglo-American camp was dissipated when the envoys met Mr Smith, with whom they had not previously spoken on their second visit here. They themselves did not deny the optimistic reports published here at the weekend.

Two white children are seriously injured in a Salisbury hospital after being shot by terrorists at an open air party last night.

The terrorists attacked the Shangani Recreation Club, about 50 miles from Bulawayo, and fired at a ring of children who were standing round a fire on the lawn.

The two injured children are Leigh-Anne Phillips, aged three, and Kevin Watson, aged 15. Another white girl, Helen Robbie, aged 15, was treated for shock and grazing. Two unnamed African men were killed. An African nurse, known as Tafana, was shot in the stomach

Moment of truth: Misako Enoki, the Japanese feminist leader, after disbanding her Women's Party. It failed to elect any of its 10 candidates to Parliament.

New York explains its delay on Concord

From Our Correspondent
New York, July 12

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to submitted evidence to Manhattan courtroom to exp its prohibitive temporary ban Concorde operating fr Kennedy Airport.

An official of the autho said that Concorde would p ably meet the airport's dec noise standard, but that ferent criteria had to be app to supersonic jets.

authority was still conduct tests with a view to establi ing those criteria.

Mr Caesar B. Patterini, authority's director of aviat appeared before Judge Mil Pollack, who has been gi the task of establishing whet the authority's ban does justify the federal Gov ment's suggestion that it acting in an "unfair, disc and unreasonable" manner.

Mr Patterini said that authority declined to decide the basis of decibel-measu noise levels alone, because ot factors were involved, spec cally low frequency noise vibrations. No coherent st dards had been evolved to m sure the impact of those f tors.

The authority had comm sioned two surveys on Concor One, by Dr McKenfiell of University of Southampt dealing with attitudes to Co corde around Heathrow, now completed. But authority had directed Crowder of the Stanford Research Institute to continue research into vibration and lo frequency noise. "It is hard come up with a single standa for supersonic and subsoni aircraft," he said.

Mr Patterini conceded th neither the federal airpo authority, nor Nasa, the spa agency, were close to formu tion of a "vibration index But, he added, the po authority had decided to try make one.

Earlier, counsel for Briti Airways had questioned th function of the authority's s veys. These were designed to establish standards, it suggested, but to serve litigatory purposes of th authority.

Judge Pollack was interest in the authority's admissio that Concorde could probabl meet Kennedy Airport nois levels under the operating pro cedure devised earlier this yea by British Airways and Air France. "You can't have a fai trial without a test", he said.

Mr Patterini replied that the authority did not want to hav a noise test because it had no yet evolved a satisfactory vib tion and low frequency test

Jailed writer offered to work for police

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, July 12

Breyten Breytenbach, the jailed Afrikaans writer, offered to infiltrate the South African Communist Party in exchange for his early release from prison, according to a letter produced during his trial in the Pretoria Supreme Court today. The letter was alleged to have been written last year to General Mike Geldenhuys, who was then head of the security police.

Mr Breytenbach, already serving a nine-year prison sentence, is facing 17 charges under the Terrorism, Riotous Assemblies and Prisons Acts. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

In his letter, written from his cell in Pretoria Central Prison, the poet said that in the past he had always tried to make available to General Geldenhuys all the help that he could.

The letter continued: "It is obvious that I will continue, where it is asked of me, although I fear that whatever I can do for you in my present circumstances will mean progressively less as a result of my isolation from the outside world. In short I believe that you could make far better use of me than is the case in my present circumstances."

Questioned about the letter, Mr Breytenbach admitted that he had been motivated by a desire to get out of prison, but he said he would not have provided the police with information if he had been released. He added that the Bureau of State Security (Boss) had been trying to recruit him since he paid a visit to South Africa at the en dof 1973.

In his letter to General Geldenhuys Mr Breytenbach spoke of a "bloodbath" being promoted in southern Africa by the forces of communism. He said the expansion of Soviet influence in Africa had been accompanied by an expansion of power and influence of the South African Communist Party. The party was now the "overwhelming and decisive factor in the anti-government forces within and outside South Africa."

In Windhoek, the capital of Namibia (South-West Africa), a petition is to be placed before the Supreme Court calling for the release of a journalist who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment yesterday for refusing to disclose his news sources to the police.

The journalist, Mr Gene Travers, wrote a report for the *Windhoek Advertiser* alleging that South African Government officials were shooting game indiscriminately in Ovambo in northern Namibia. Ovambo, he said, had become a "hunting farm" for certain "highly placed officials."

Among allegations in his report were that a prominent personality had shot two elephants from a militar yhelicopter, that 15 dead gemsbok had been found in an unnamed official's camp and that a military commando had shot dead four lions without a permit.

Israel fears over US training of Saudis

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv, July 12

Lieutenant General Mordechai Gur, the Israeli Chief of Staff, voiced his concern today that the Americans may train the Saudi Arabians into as good a fighting force as the British did with the Jordanians of the Arab Legion.

Addressing a thousand delegates to an American Zionist organization's convention at breakfast today, General Gur said if American experts continue to teach and help the Saudis, they might become "a very considerable force".

The Saudis were "basically good fighters like the Jordanians used to be. We remember the Jordanians became such good soldiers because of the military training and discipline they got from the British", he added.

However, the general assured the meeting that the Israeli defence forces were strong enough to take risks "if we have to face political changes".

On the eve of his departure for crucial political talks in Washington, Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, today appeared before the Parliamentary foreign affairs and security committee to outline the position he will take in his meetings with President Carter.

The Prime Minister said he will discuss full details at an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet tomorrow and requests approval for his stand.

Mr Begin told his Likud Party faction in the Knesset (Parliament) last night that he will discuss specific issues with President Carter and not only procedures for peace talks

20 dead a month in South Lebanon war

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Three tons of bullets and shells—still packed in Israeli ammunition crates marked in Hebrew—stand against one wall and the local Palestinian guard, a man who disconcertingly chain-smokes while he fondles a 155-calibre shell, has a collection of Israeli rifles behind a door in the vestry. The Palestinians also have several dozen new crates of ammunition which they acquired from other sources. All the bullets are marked either in Chinese characters or in Cyrillic lettering.

But the war in southern Lebanon is not a series of raging artillery battles and the constant pounding of shells reported by travellers from the area is rarel yheard by those who go there. For the whole of June, for instance, the official death toll—rarely publicized by any of the parties involved—was only 20, which would scarcely raise a neyebrow if it was he monthly casualty figure in Northern Ireland.

Indeed, here in Taibe, about half-a-mile from the Christian positions, a visitor could safely enjoy a picnic and a bottle of wine beside the road next to the Palestinian positions were it not for the giant ants and the occasional six-inch lizards that scuttle unpealsantly through the grass verges.

Taibe was captured by the Palestinians on April 5 and, except for an old man, his wife and two little girls, it is a ghost town. The houses are pock-marked with bullet holes, the gardens are overgrown, the streets cracked, the mosque deserted and given over to stray cats.

The village washing-pool opposite the mosque is covered in green slime and the only signs of movement are the Palestinians walking slowly in the heat from one sandbagged position to another.

Lieutenant Fihime, the senior Palestinian officer in Taibe, says that he has lost only 21 men dead and injured in three months of fighting round the village although his enemy is so close that the Christian Lebanese can sometimes be seen moving on a stony hill behind the village.

Yet he seems to find the war a satisfying, necessary affair and always interrupts his description of the nightime shelling with a few phrases to emphasize the importance of the strugglein southern Lebanon.

One cannot escape the suspicion that the war in the south of the country—if war is can be called—only goes on because it is to the mutual benefit of all the parties involved. The Palestinians need some field of action for an expression of military strength now that the Lebanese civil war is over. The Israelis perhaps believe that a crisis here provides a permanent excuse for future military intervention.

Th Lebanese, too, need the war, because it reinforces their appeals for aid, particularly for military assistance from the United States. For the Syrians the shooting provides proof of all they have said of Israeli expansionism. The villagers who have fled their homes during this exercise in depopulation presumably do not consider such conspiratorial possibilities.

But in the early evening, long before sundown, gunfire begins to echo and re-echo round the mountains outside Taibe. Lieutenant Fihime admits rather reluctantly that he is not sure who is shooting at who. It would be difficult to find a more palpable symbol of a very dangerous but very dishonest war.

Canadian move on uranium

From Our Correspondent
Ottawa, July 12

A tentative arrangement has been worked out whereby Canada would resume uranium shipments to West Germany and Britain which it suspended at the beginning of the year because of a disagreement over non-proliferation safeguards.

The agreement was announced by Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, at a press conference today near the end of his official visit to Ottawa.

The embargo has been a source of increasing friction between Canada and its West European allies, heavily dependent on Canadian uranium to fuel their nuclear power programmes.

Herr Schmidt, obviously speaking with the agreement of Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, with whom he discussed the subject yesterday, said Canada was prepared to consider "interim arrangements" for resumption of deliveries.

While not surrendering its position in relation to safeguards, the Canadian Government would permit shipments for the duration of a study of all aspects of nuclear waste recyclig. Commissioned by Western leaders at the Downing Street summit two months ago.

The Europeans have been resisting the demands made by Canada for safeguards to ensure that spent fuel is not used for making bombs.

Herr Schmidt expressed the hope that negotiations could be concluded this summer, but made clear the interim arrangement would have to be approved by Euratom, the European Atomic Energy Agency, of which West Germany and Britain are members.

Spassky 'not in mood' to play chess

Geneva, July 12.—The fifth game in the world chess semi-final tournament between Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union and Lajos Portisch of Hungary was postponed today at the request of the former world champion.

"He is just not in the mood", an organizer said Portisch leads 2-1.

In the Evian semi-final between Viktor Korchnoi, the exiled Russian grandmaster, and Leu Polugaylvsky of the Soviet Union, Korchuoi leads 3½-1.—UPI.

Amin holiday plans with freed journalist

Nairobi, July 12.—Uganda radio announced today that Mr Gerald Utting, the Canadian journalist detained when he flew from here to Uganda on June 22, will be freed from military custody to go on holiday with President Amin.

The radio said Mr Utting, a correspondent for the *Toronto Star*, would be able to explain "freely" about Uganda when he returns to Canada.

The radio gave no details of Mr Utting's holiday plans with President Amin.—AP.

Tension in Turkey after general strike threat

From Our Correspondent
Ankara, July 12

Political tension in Ankara rose today as the leaders of three right-wing parties met to put the final touches on their projected coalition government. Turkey's largest labour organization threatened a general strike if Mr Suleyman Demirel's Cabinet obtained a vote of confidence.

Mr Halil Tunc, president of Turk-Is, a western-style trade union confederation which claims over a million members, suggested a partnership between Mr Demirel's conservative Justice Party and the social-democratic Republican People's Party of Mr Bulent Ecevit, the acting Prime Minister. Mr Ecevit had made the same offer to Mr Demirel last week, but Mr Demirel turned it down.

He said he was on the verge of reaching agreement with two of his former coalition partners, Mr Necmettin Erbakan of the pro-Islamic National Salvation Party and Mr Alpaslan Turkes of the Nationalist Action Party, an extremist right-wing group. The three hold a slim majority in the National Assembly.

"This is not a bluff, nor is it a simple threat", Mr Tunc told reporters. "We will definitely take such action and we will begin preparations today."

He added that he would resign from the Senate to lead the workers in what would be Turkey's first general strike.

Mr Tunc also called on the Turkish Army to "take a definite stand". He said: "If the regime itself is in danger ... then those whose duty it is to protect democracy, and who have uncompromisingly accepted the principles of Ataturk, cannot remain silent."

Observers believed that if Turk-Is were to carry out its threat, it would be backed by Disk, Turkey's second largest, leftist labour organization.

As Mr Tunc held his press conference, Mr Demirel, Mr Erbakan and Mr Turkes met for their final round of talks, doing some hard bargaining on the distribution of Cabinet posts.

Meanwhile, Mr Ecevit, addressing his party's parliamentary group, attacked Mr Demirel for having turned down his offer to form a two-party coalition, and compared Mr Demirel today with the late Adnan Menderes, overthrown by a military takeover in 1960 and executed after having been found guilty of violating the constitution.

Police foil Cairo kidnap attempt

Cairo, July 12.—An attempt by an extremist Muslim group to kidnap Mr Youssef Sebai, the chairman of the Egyptian Press Union, was foiled 24 hours before it was due to have taken place, police sources said today.

Mr Sebai, a former Army officer, is also board chairman and joint editor of the semi-official Cairo newspaper *Al Ahram*.

The group, *Takfir wal Hijra*, (Society for Repentance and Flight from Sin) has been accused of the kidnapping and murder of Dr Muhammad Husain Zahabi, the former Minister of Religious Endowments, whose body was found last Wednesday.

Police said the plan was seized in a flat where one of the leaders of the group, Mr Anwar Maamoun Sakr, was arrested last Saturday. It bore instructions saying "to be implemented tomorrow".

Police believe that Mr Sebai, also secretary-general of the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization, was chosen because he lived in a quiet, remote area similar to that in which Dr Zahabi lived.

The sources said other documents seized in the hideouts of the group, included plans to kidnap Mr Ibrahim Kalyoubi, the Prosecutor-General.

The documents showed that the group was planning to plant explosives in crowded areas such as Tahrir Square, in central Cairo, and other places.

According to the sources, more than 400 members of the group had been arrested so far, and a search is being made for Mr Ahmed Tarek Abdel-Alim, a former police officer and an expert at disguise, who is believed by police to have led the group which kidnapped Dr Zahabi from his vill aon July 3.

Al Ahram reported today that the authorities had smashed an underground cell set up by the extremist groups within the armed forces. It said a small number of officers, NCOs and soldiers were arrested.

The report was the first indication that the group, which advocates the overthrow of President Sadat's regime, because it has "deviated from Islam", had succeeded in infiltrating the armed forces.

Bodies found: the bodies of 19 Israeli soldiers killed in the 1973 war have been found on the east bank of the Suez Canal, an Egyptian military spokesman announced. The spokesman said the bodies, discovered during work to widen the canal, would be returned to Israel.—Reuter, UPI and Agence France-Presse.

Chief Watergate burglar granted parole

Washington, July 12.—Mr Gordon Liddy, who directed the Watergate burglary and stuck to his code of silence throughout the resulting political scandal, was granted parole today, effective from September 7, after four years in prison.

The early release was made possible through the intervention of President Carter, who reduced his 20-year sentence to eight years.

By September he will have served 52 months, nearly two years longer than any of the other 24 men sent to prison for the Watergate break-in and related crimes.—AP.

Science report

Thrombosis: Intensive care

Most heart specialists believe that patients admitted to hospital with a coronary thrombosis should be treated in an intensive care unit equipped with apparatus to monitor the heart beat and with equipment to resuscitate the patient should his heart stop. Two years ago a joint working party from the Royal College of Physicians and the British Cardiac Society described such units as essential. Yet there is little convincing evidence from controlled trials of the value of coronary care units; now a report from Nottingham has cast further doubt on their indispensibilky.

The coronary units in the two teaching hospitals in Nottingham have only 10 beds between them, so that there are times when patients newly admitted with coronary thrombosis have to go to one of the general wards. Over 32 months, there were 2,000 admissions with heart attacks, roughly two-thirds going into the special units and a third to the wards.

Taking only men aged 65 or less with a confirmed diagnosis of coronary thrombosis, 800 were admitted to the special unit and 200 to the ordinary wards. The mortality of the men treated in the coronary unit was 15 per cent; and among those in the ward it was 18 per cent: a difference that was not significant on statistic testing. Mortality in the men aged over 65 was 31 per cent in the coronary unit and 32 per cent in the wards. Attempts to restart the heart after it had stopped were, as might be expected, more frequent in the coronary units; but the success rate there was no better than among patients resuscitated on the wards.

On that evidence, therefore, the expense of equipping and staffing a hospital specialist coronary care unit seems difficult to justify. The mortality in those two Nottingham hospitals was low, however, taking all patients together it was only 21 per cent, whereas other hospitals have reported rates of 30 per cent or more. Furthermore, the allocation of patients to the special units was not done at random: in general, younger patients with severe attacks were selected for intensive care.

Certainly patients who seem likely to require closer observation and specialist techniques can be looked after more easily in a purpose-built unit, but even so, the Nottingham doctors conclude that better evidence is needed of the value of coronary care units before more money is spent on their proliferation.

By Our Medical Correspondent

Source: *British Medical Journal*, July 9, p.81.

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Soviet Union. Since his departure, he had talked of being under "pressure" while undergoing questioning in the Soviet Union. Tass said that this was an attempt to "whitewash" those people who allegedly supplied him information.

Los Angeles, July 12.—Mr William Thomas, the editor of the *Los Angeles Times*, issued a statement today in which he described as "ridiculous" the *allegations of Tass that Mr* Toth was a CIA spy.

"The totally baseless charge against Bob Toth has ominous implications for both Russian dissidents and American correspondents", Mr Thomas stated. "It appears to be a cynical next move in suppression of dissidents, distorting the roles of American reporters in order to stage this persecution.

"*It is, of course, ridiculous to accuse Toth, or any* other responsible American reporter, of acting as an agent of the United States Government, since this would totally negate their usefulness and would violate the rules of this newspaper and others, along with the ethical values of the reporters themselves", he added. —UPI.

How pilot landed with gun in his ribs

Captain Ronald Hardy and his relief crew, who took over the hijacked British Boeing at Kuwait last weekend, flew home to London yesterday after their ordeal at the hands of six Palestinians.

Captain Hardy said he had had to land in Syria with a gun in his ribs.

"We had been refused permission to land at Damascus but one of the more militant hijackers threatened me with a pistol and said that I must land. Even though there was a gun pointing at me I thought that if we followed the hijackers' instructions our safety and that of the crew would be assured."

He continued: "I was threatened again when we were taking off from Damascus to fly to a destination in the Mediterranean. One of the hijackers burst into the cockpit with a machine gun and forced me to stop the take-off."

Captain Hardy spoke of the growing conflict among the six hijackers. "Originally the intention was to take the hijackers to Aden, but shortly after take-off from Kuwait I was told by the leader of the hijackers to go to Dubai. This was subsequently changed to Doha and after being refused permission to land at both of these places, he asked me to land at Damascus."

After a 90-minute interrogation by special branch and Foreign Office officials, the two stewardesses on the original hijacked flight, Miss Judith Crossdell and Miss Cynthia Hobson, refused to speak to waiting journalists on the grounds that they were "too tired".

Brave nurses: Two British nurses yesterday received the highest nursing award of the International Red Cross—the Florence Nightingale Medal, often called the Red Cross VC—for their work in Cambodia when they refused to leave the sick and dying victims of the fighting as Phnom Penh fell to the Khmer Rouge in 1975. Pat Ash (left in the photograph), who comes from London, and Helen Fraser, from Edinburgh, turned down repeated opportunities to be airlifted to safety along with other foreigners. With the two other members of the British Red Cross surgical team they worked on with "complete disregard for their own safety".

Chinese promise to intellectuals

Hongkong, July 12.—The Chinese Communist Party, *admitting that China's intellectuals* have been persecuted in the past, has promised them more *freedom* and protection from political attack. The move is not a concession to human rights, but a matter of necessity.

An article in the July issue of the party's theoretical journal, *Red Flag*, discussed the problems of the nation's 20 million intellectuals in the past and the *future policy set by* Chairman Hua and other top leaders. The article admitted that the mistreatment of intellectuals in the past had brought about "a declining educational level" in China.

Unless this is reversed and intellectuals are encouraged, the ambitious economic programme outlined for the next 23 years could not be fulfilled, the *article said. These programmes* are aimed at elevating China to superpower status

Intellectuals have borne the brunt of attack in China's political campaigns for the past 20 years or more. The article laid the blame on the so-called "gang of four", purged last October.

"The 'gang of four' wantonly attacked and discriminated against intellectuals. . . . *They even labelled the intellectuals* as a destructive factor undermining the socialist foundation. This was really an unfounded, scurrilous attack. . . ."

It said that some people were imprisoned and forbidden to work as intellectuals.—UPI.

Peking: In an unusual display of candour Peking's top missile expert has admitted that China is lagging behind in scientific *research and has called for* free academic debate to help put matters right.

American-educated Dr Chien Hsueh-sen, the father of modern Chinese rocketry, said one of the foremost tasks of scientific workers was to "encourage a hundred schools of thought to contend". Writing in *Red Flag*, he said that China should "learn from the best developed in other countries. . . ."

He added: "We should take a realistic approach in viewing the gap between China's current scientific and technological position and advanced world levels. . . . We are lagging behind to a considerable degree in most items".—Reuter.

Judges offer solution to Quebec dispute

From Our Correspondent
Ottawa, July 12

The beginning of a solution to the explosive issue of bilingual air control services at Montreal may have been achieved with the interim report of a commission appointed last summer. The commission, composed of three judges, has recommended the introduction of bilingual procedures for aircraft operating under visual flight rules.

Mr Otto Lang, the Transport *Minister, tabling the report in* the Commons, said the recommendations had the Government's full support and were a "significant step towards resolving the issue . . . without jeopardizing air safety."

Government plans to introduce French into air traffic services at Montreal caused a bitter, week-long strike by pilots and controllers a year ago which interrupted commercial aviation in many different parts of Canada.

Pilots and controllers argued that for safety reasons only English should be used in the busy airways in and round Montreal, though seven smaller Quebec airports were already using bilingual takeoff and landing procedures.

The dispute put severe strains on relations between French-speaking and English-speaking Canada, and Mr Trudeau, the *Prime Minister, described it as* potentially the most divisive issue the country had faced since the Second World War conscription crisis.

Commercial air services returned to normal only when the Government promised to establish the commission.

The commission recommends bilingual air traffic control services at St Hubert airport near Montreal, one of the *busiest in Canada although it* handles mostly small privately owned aircraft.

Bilingual services for visual flight rules aircraft passing through the control zone of Mirabel, Montreal's new international airport, and within the Montreal radar service area, are also recommended.

In brief

192 arrested at Kent State

Kent, Ohio, July 12.—Unarmed police made 192 arrests today while removing demonstrators from ate Kent State University campus where four anti-war srudents were shot dead by National Guards in 1970.

The protesters locked arms and went limp when campus police moved in with an eviction order issued at the university's request. The University wants to build a gymnasium near the site of the shooting, but the demonstrators claim that the area should be preserved as a memorial.

Abduction threat

Panama City, July 12.—A telephone caller claiming to belong to "the Guatemala nationalist commando" has threatened to abduct Mr Robert John, the British Ambassador, if talks over Guatemala's claim to Belize fail.

Kojak robbed

Los Angeles, July 12.—Telly Savalas, the actor who plays Kojak in the television detective series, has been robbed of $36,350 (£21,300) in cash and jewellery from his hotel room here.

Helicopters detained

Belgrade, July 12.—Yugoslav military aircraft intercepted two Austrian helicopters which had flown across the border and forced them to land, but three hours later allowed them to return home.

Journalist's body found

Hongkong, July 12.—The body of Mr Andrew Davenport, aged 28, the British journalist who disappeared after a water skiing accident on Sunday, was found by police washed up on *shore*.

College climbers

Delhi, July 12.—A 13-member expedition from Ampleforth College, York, left Srinagar, capital of Indian Kashmir, to climb the 17,400ft Kolahoi peak in the Himalayas.

British nurse denies drug smuggling charge

Bangkok, July 12.—A Thai judge today urged a British nurse, on trial on charges of attempting to smuggle heroin out of Thailand, to plead guilty and save herself from a heavy sentence.

A customs officer had testified that about 7lb of heroin was found at Don Muang airport in March in false compartments of suitcases and in a transistor radio which he said belonged to the nurse, Miss Rita Nightingale, of Blackburn.

Miss Nightingale, who is 23, cried in the courtroom after the warning. She had been boarding an aircraft for Paris and London after a brief stopover here on her way home from working in Hongkong.

She has pleaded not guilty to the charge of possession of heroin for distribution and export. Her counsel said that they were trying to bring two Hongkong residents to court as defence witnesses or at least obtain their written testimonies to prove her innocence.—Reuter.

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From Our Correspondent
Ottawa, July 12

A tentative attempt begins today at the beginning by delegations from Canada and Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union, to draw up because of a comprehensive ban on nuclear shipments to non-proliferation agreements.

The agreement was announced by the West German foreign ministry. It is the most recent initiative taken earlier this year by Carter, who at the end of his press conference said that he intended to renew efforts to negotiate a ban with the Russians.

The embargo was universally regarded as an essential first measure between Canada and European countries, slowing down the qualitative development of stockpiling of nuclear arms.

In the initial phase, expected to last two or three weeks, talks are headed by Dr Sergei Kirichenko, of the Soviet Union, and Mr Trudeau, Prime Minister, discussed the subject with Canada, said Canada was considering "interim measures" for nuclear deliveries.

While not specifying the position in regard to safeguards, the Canadian Government would require for the duration of the embargo for all aspects of nuclear cooperation. Western leaders in Downing Street summit in May.

The European Commission said it had been decided to raise aid to India from Canada for science year to £140m which makes it the highest single sum spent by the British aid programme.

Herr Schmidt said the money must be spent on British goods, which is not only good for India but British hope that negotiations would be concluded this year. "We made clear the agreement would have to be made as well", she said. "The Euratom, controls which used to be a problem have been Atomic Energy recently due to India's which West economic situation Britain are more it slightly easier to im- British goods."

atomic energy, Mr Paul Warnke, head of the American Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and Mr Percy Cradock, British Ambassador in East Berlin.

A gesture in the direction of compromise with American-British insistence on minimal on-site inspection was made by the Russians last November in their revised draft treaty for prohibiting nuclear weapons tests. It included provision for on-site clarification of the circumstances of an underground disturbance "on a voluntary basis".

In addition, the Russians had earlier proposed a full ban for a period of 18 to 24 months. The Americans are said to favour extending this to three to five years.

With China and France engaged in continuing tests, this is regarded as the maximum feasible period if the super-powers are not to be placed at a disadvantage by the "destabilizing" effect on their weapons stockpiles of inability to carry out components testing.

Soviet emphasis on a weapons tests ban is because the Russians apparently want to be able if necessary to set up peaceful explosions for earth-moving purposes.

Because such detonations can equally be used to secure test data for military purposes, the Americans are now said to be against excluding them from a temporary ban.

Hart leaves India to discuss aid

Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, left London for India today for talks with the Government on the allocation of British aid. She will be staying in Delhi for a week. leaving Heathrow, said it had been decided to raise aid to India from year to £140m which make it the highest single ment of the British aid

Poles rule out foul play in death of student

Cracow, July 12.—The public prosecutor today ruled out foul play in the death of a dissident student which had led to student unrest in this Polish city in the spring.

Mr Henryk Solga, the prosecutor, told journalists that a post-mortem examination of the body of student Stanislaw Pyjas, proved he died of choking caused by bleeding from a cut lip and bruised nose.

Mr Pyjas's mysterious death in the hallway of a Cracow house on May 15 gave rise to speculation that he was murdered or severely beaten by *police for his role in the* human rights movement.

The prosecutor said the examination proved no internal organ had been damaged. But, he added, a high percentage of alcohol was discovered in the student's blood.

After his death, Polish students staged a protest march through the city to the house where the body was found.

Mr Pyjas had been active in collecting signatures for a petition which demanded a parliamentary investigation into alleged police brutality after the food price riots of June, 1976. Shortly before his death he received unsigned threatening letters.

Mr Solga said it was not clear whether Mr Pyjas stumbled over a step or hit the entrance door with his face before he fell down a flight of stairs and choked to death.—UPI.

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Our Correspondent
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The Fung Ping Shan museum had bought the antiques over a 20-year period at a cost of only $HK36,000 (now £4,500).

The saucer dish came in for sale at the last moment and Sotheby's experts did not notice that it had been listed by Hongkong as "stolen in 1974". It had apparently changed hands several times since the theft.

Concurrently, the Fine Arts Department in Bangkok is pressing a world wide search for hundreds of priceless art treasures, looted and smuggled out of Thailand in the past 15 years.

Some have been traced to world museums and private millionaire art collectors. But there has been a mixed reception to inquiries.

Thai art authorities claim that during 1965-75 more than 1,000 Buddhist shrines and temples were plundered by undercover art specialists, who cooperated with United States servicemen in smuggling the antique treasures to foreign markets and collectors.

Children's books

One on the run

No picture-book artist worthy of his calling should fluff his almost mandatory attempt at a counting book. Making numbers say things is an exercise to be carried out with relish and those chaps who have recourse to pseudo-photographic drawings of "One teddy-bear, two balls, three skittles" would probably be better employed stacking goods in a super market.

Among several new endeavours that recognize the potential of the theme Alex Brychta's Numbers One to Ten and Back Again (Dent £1.75) goes for a narrative approach. One man, with a potted plant, waits at a bus stop, eventually being joined by nine other associated characters, including a fat man with three chins and a general with seven medals. With 10 people in the queue the bus company clearly feel that they can reasonably send a bus; everyone climbs on; and then, stop by stop, everyone climbs off again until only the fat man is left. He has been asleep and gets taken back to the stop that he started from.

Alex Brychta's line and colour work in this counting anecdote have a crudity that suits the rather banal devices of the tale but for graphic humour they are far outdistanced by Colin McNaughton—a new illustrator—whose 123 and Things (Benn, £1.50) is a delight from the start ("One on the run from a vast cream bun") to finish ("Fifty thousand and eighty four could not believe just what they saw"—and the picture shows a whole football team neatly arranged to block the goal for a penalty-kick). Mr McNaughton's drawing, his use of colour and his great zest for the design of each of his pages is exemplary—the more so because each picture is a joke that works.

Anno's Counting Book, by Mitsumasa Anno (Bodley Head, £2.95) is not exactly funny, but, like 123 and Things, it is a rewarding book to look at. Mr Anno is a past-master at painting pictures that reveal a wealth of unexpected details as you delve into them—and in this progress from "0", a blank, snow-covered landscape, to "12", the same landscape filled with countable objects, he offers more for the eye to see than his simple graphic style suggests.

Brian Alderson

"Mind you don't get any of that filthy tar on your nice new shoes." Mum and Dad relax palely on the shingle on one side of the page, while their daughter engages a multicoloured pirate crew on the opposite one. An ingenious pictorial satire on stodgy holidaymakers by John Burningham: *Come Away From the Water, Shirley* (Cape, £2.50)

Events and non-events

Landslip, by David Rees (Hamish Hamilton, £3.50)
Under the Autumn Garden, by Jan Mark (Kestrel Books, £2.95)

I am in no doubt which of these two appealed the more to me; what I wonder is whether the children to whom they are addressed will think the same. David Rees's *Landslip* is an adventure story. It has an Edwardian setting, Edwardian props, but not quite an Edwardian flavour. The style is general purpose children's, slightly commonplace; the characters are stock with a touch of the two-dimensional. Most of the book's interest lies in its events—what follows when some acres of the Norfolk coast subside and slide towards the sea. To me some 35 years back that might have been just grand: I throve on Biggles, after all.

Under the Autumn Garden shares a locality with *Landslip*—both are set near Norwich. It shares very little else and is, by what I now regard as reasonable standards, incomparably the better book. It is a kind of non-adventure story: almost nothing happens over most of its 176 pages, all of which are a pleasure to read. Matthew becomes temporary head of his village school, is required to take part in a class local history project and therefore starts an archaeological dig in the back garden of the abandoned house next door—hoping, of course, to astonish everybody with some grand historic find. All he digs up is rubbish. A promising cache of old bottles is purloined by the ever-present children of the local builder who happens to be working on the house, making it and Matthew's into one.

The project over, Matthew's section of the progress chart remains blank. Teachers are fed up and uncomprehending; parents too. The boy has done nothing and the irony is that in spite of all his labour, this is true: the excavation was a dream, an evasion of the demands of school, even if, at the end and secretly, it happens to pay off. But what, I wonder, will Jan Mark's readers make of this which seems to me more an adult realization about childhood than a child's? Will they appreciate the deadly accuracy of her description of that blindness which enables Matthew not to understand until too late that the reason why the builder's kids are always there and such a pain is because their mother has run off. And will they recognize Mr Bagnall who curses his wife's horde of cats as a way of loving them? They may—in which case they are probably already as wise as most of their elders.

David Wade

Children's Books of the Year at the National Book League, 7 Albemarle Street, W1, from July 20 to August 6, daily 10 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 4. An exhibition of some of the best books of last year with competitions, story-telling, and a bookshop.

Grasping the nettle

Fascism, by Hugh Purcell (Hamish Hamilton, £3.25)
Socialism, by Richard Evans (Hamish Hamilton, £3.25)

It is a fair bet that if you are over 30 and were educated in this country you will not, during your schooldays, have been on the receiving end of anything even remotely resembling "political education". Cautionary tales of its misuse abound, of course—Hitler's intellectual rape of the innocents being but the peculiarly nasty precursor of a continuing series of indoctrination campaigns now spreading under quite different banners through many parts of the globe.

But in a relatively open, relatively civilized and relatively democratic country such as Britain this curricular gap is a great pity. If schools aim to turn out citizens, rather than subjects, they simply must grasp the nettle: political education, if intelligently conducted, can effectively counter prejudice and the mindless polarizing of attitudes. And this kind of education has never been needed as much as it is now: ideally, teenagers should be taught to balance the politicians' presentation of their ideologies with a lower-key, more analytical approach. The mass media certainly will not do it for them.

Luckily, however, there are growing numbers of enlightened souls who are attempting to do precisely this and publishers, though necessarily slower off the mark, are beginning to provide appropriate materials. The first two items in Hamish Hamilton's new People and Politics series bode well for the titles to follow.

Hugh Purcell's *Fascism*, despite some unfortunate generalizations to begin with, is little short of exemplary. It precedes its potted histories of fascism in Germany and Italy, and its thumbnail sketch of our own National Front, with a working definition of the term which is simple without being crude. To the racialist, nationalist and anti-communist components Purcell adds the oft-forgotten but usually additional component of socialism, and while briefly examining several countries currently dubbed fascist he stresses the crucial distinction between totalitarian regimes and those which are merely authoritarian. "Fascist", as an all-purpose term of abuse, will not survive a careful reading of these pages.

Socialism by Richard Evans, is, perhaps inevitably, gently partisan. It is stronger on socialism's moral thrust and on the history of the trade unions and Labour Party than it is at anatomizing the many varieties of socialist practice, though it achieves a great deal in its small compass. Socialism's theoretical contradictions, and concomitant practical flaws, are dutifully set out, but their significance is a shade too readily skipped over.

Both books are clearly and directly written with well chosen illustrations, full indexes and useful annotated lists for further reading.

Michael Church

Doing

An imaginative and resourceful book by Douglas St P. Barnard, The Puffin Book of Car Games (Puffin 50p.) may well lessen the strain of this year's holiday, and help to pass long tiring car journeys there and back quickly and cheerfully. Suggested travelling games in the first section are based on the passing scene, and make use of anything likely to be seen from the car window—the thirteen number plate games and the game in which roadside sports are used to simulate popular sports and other activities are original and ingenious. Another section describes back-seat activities requiring little equipment (a caution pleasing to parental ears urges readers not to clutter up the car too much), while the third section provides the bonus of some games to play "when you get there". The variety of games throughout is astonishing, the rules are explained with crisp clarity and the illustrations by Nigel Paige are engagingly lively and witty.

Less ambitious and comprehensive in its scope, The Junior Book of the Road, by the Diagram Group (Sidgwick and Jackson, 75p.) is intended for younger readers and has much to recommend it, notably instant eye appeal—the text is refreshingly sparse since the colourful illustrations remarkably explain themselves. Puzzles for the young are provided within its pages ("Look for the tools hidden in this drawing") or based on objects which may be seen on, beside or above (clouds!) the road.

Even when the family has reached its destination there are still moments when at least one member is at a loss for something to do. A new quiz book, The Puffin Book of Brainteasers, by Eric Emmet (65p.) contains many puzzles and problems of various kinds, their degree of difficulty sensibly indicated by one, two, or three stars. The correct solutions are hearteningly provided, and the whole is leavened by amusing illustrations.

Barbara Sherrard-Smith

Times past

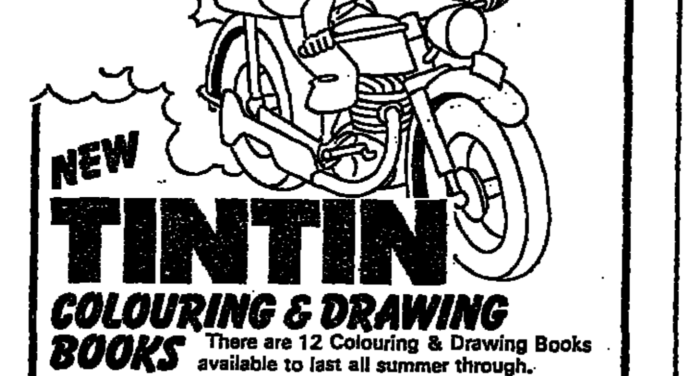
The Journey Back, by Johanna Reiss (Oxford, £2.95)
Dust of the Earth, by Vera and Bill Cleaver (Oxford, £2.95)

The demarcation lines between a diary, an autobiography and a novel based on personal experience, often overlap.

In her foreword, Johanna Reiss is specific: "*The Journey Back* is about what happened after the war ended, when the members of a family—mine—return home and are reunited, after almost three years of having been away and apart, in different places in Holland—and do not any longer know one another." Looking back at this formative period in her own childhood, Mrs Reiss manages to combine the innocent eyes of the little girl she once was with the critical judgment of the adult she has become. She describes the losses and gains of rehabilitation with delicate insight. Her new step-mother was vain but also vulnerable. Her foster-father and his household gave her the love she needed but ultimately she perceived their limitations. *The Journey Back* is a sequel to *The Upstairs Room* which won many prizes. It tells the story Anne Frank might have told had she survived. It can never be as poignant as the unadorned writing of that tragic child, but it is a book which girls, in particular, should find absorbing.

Dust of the Earth, another book from America, tells the story of a family's struggle for survival in the Badlands of South Dakota. Disunited, poor and accident-prone, they inherit a run-down estate and learn how to become sheep farmers. More important, they learn how to appreciate and love each other. Vera and Bill Cleaver specialize in stories about children with problems. They have packaged this book as the autobiography of Fern Drawn, the eldest daughter of the family. But no 14-year-old ever talked so slickly or strung images together so professionally. The result is entertaining but there is a false note: the autobiography would have been better presented as the novel is really is.

Joy Whitby



Fiction

Hamish Hamilton's "Antelope Books" have a high reputation as fairly simple story books designed to be read by children "of about six to nine years of age". Although the editorial formula sometimes results in a quarter-pint of talent being diluted to fill a half-pint pot, with a writer like Rosemary Sutcliff the reverse holds good. In her latest volume in the series, Shifting Sands (£1.25), for instance, she tells the story of rivalry and tyranny in a Stone Age tribe on Orkney and the fatal incursion of the dunes upon Skara Brae. But such is her feel for the brave, the innocent, the sinister among her characters, and such is her gift for recreating a possible Times Past that—although her Antelope is neatly planned—one senses a larger book within the small one. In a companion volume, however, The Ice Palace (£1.25) Robert Swindells gets the balance about right. His story of little Ivan, who journeys through the winter forest to rescue his brother from the demon Starjik, has an air of folk-tale about it. It moves from small drama to small drama and on to happy conclusion with the right kind of inevitability and Mr Swindells's nice care for words makes the tale a natural for storytelling. It is accompanied by strong, atmospheric line drawings by June Jackson, much more vital than the rather mechanical work Laszlo Acs supplies for Shifting Sands.

B.A.

Two Roman Mice, by Quintus Horatius Flaccus, retold and illustrated by Marilynne K. Roach (Kaye & Ward, £1.25).

Parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus. Quo, Mus, tendis? This ancient and most charming of mouse stories was first told by Horace in witty hexameters more than 20 centuries ago, to thank his patron Maecenas for the gift of Horace's beloved Sabine farm. It is entirely delightful that it has been reincarnated for children, translated into English now that Latin is no longer taught in all good nurseries. The story of the country bumpkin mouse who comes to Rome, and discovers that not everything that glitters in the big city is gold, is a good tail. It has indeed been the source of many similar subsequent tails in many languages. Although this little picture book is simple and accessible to children, its scholarship is careful. Horace's own version is included at the back. The *canistrum* (flat basket of scraps) is copied from the ones in the "Triumph of Dionysus" mosaic in the Sousse Museum in North Africa. The folding doors that slam open before the rush of the Molossian hounds are similar to the *valvae* in the House of the Bicentenary in Herculaneum. The *Fons Bandusiae*, shining more brightly than glass, supplies the country mouse with his water. Go, go, Marilynne Roach. The best stories are the old ones. And there are plenty more where this one came from in Ovid, Virgil, Plautus; and how about Apuleius?

Philip Howard

The Right-Hand Man, by K. M. Peyton (Oxford, £3.25).

The joint heroes of *The Right-Hand Man*, Lord Ironminster and Ned, pursue the adventures fitting for any eighteenth-century lord. The difference in this case is that Ned is merely a servant employed by the crippled Ironminster to act not only as his coachman but also, almost literally, as his right hand. Such close association between the two men enables Miss Peyton to intertwine the lives of the aristocracy with those of their servants and to break out of the usual rigid class divisions of historical novels.

The pace is fast: reckless coach rides along the poorly surfaced high roads; a boxing match which leaves both Ned and his enemy pulped—a nice excuse for some discreet romance between our hero and a servant girl; and finally, the crux of the story, an attempt to win a wager which leads to an accidental murder, Ned's imprisonment in Newgate, his rigged trial, and, as payment of his debts to Ned, Ironminster's capitulation to convention and his mother's wishes. Miss Peyton's eighteenth century is not much more than skin deep, and her characters, too, are sometimes disappointingly sketchy, but the many strands of the plot are cleverly interwoven and there are enough humorous and ironic touches to make this more than just a costume drama.

Julia Eccleshare

The Grey Mane of Morning, by Joy Grant (Allen & Unwin, £3.95).

This is a solid romance in which the Alnei, horse-herders on a great plain, in some unspecified age, rebel against their tall overlords, the horse-fearing, town-dwelling Golden People. The conflict begins when the latter abduct the young Alnei priestess, the Luck of the Tribe, sister of the tribal heir and priest. The story is in his transition from nobleman to hero. This he achieves not only by challenging the Golden People but, more importantly, his own tribe's traditional and enervating acceptance of Fate, the Will of the Gods. He has growing awareness of life's latent, unexplained powers. "The rivers and its banks; which is Lord? I mean, when there is a bend, has the river turned, or have the banks?" The answer must confirm the free will to which he aspires. To lead is not to accept but to act, preferably with help from the gods, but gods themselves sometimes need prompting.

The story's beginning is somewhat dense and confusing, but plenty of action lies ahead, and amateur anthropologists may find suggestive glimpses of the perplexity, repulsion, awe exchanged between the City and the Plain, and of the *mores* of peoples remote yet recognizable. Some stuffiness of dialogue, and bits of journalistic mysticism, "the sin of the Nameless", and the like, do not seriously invalidate.

Peter Vansittart

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Antwerp displays the splendours of Rubens

Jeffery Daniels

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The *Baptism of Christ* (a disagreeable work which seems to have been badly restored) was painted for Rubens's long-suffering patron Vincenzo I Gonzaga, Duke of Mantua, for the Jesuit church there, together with two other large canvases, a *Transfiguration* and, as the centrepiece, *The Gonzaga family adoring the Trinity*. This last was unfortunately cut up at the end of the eighteenth century, but three fragments in the exhibition give some idea of its quality, notably a powerful head of a *Halberdier* with a Salomonic column in the background. Another mutilated but still magnificent work from Rubens's Italian period is the portrait of the *Marchesa Brigida Spinola Doria*, painted in Genoa about 1606 and lent to the exhibition by the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

It was the imminent death of his mother that precipitated Rubens's return to Antwerp (1608), where he rapidly established himself as the most important painter in the Catholic North, patronized by the Regents, the Archduke Albert and the Infanta Isabella, and the ecclesiastical authorities, for whom a whole series of monumental altarpieces were executed during the following decade. The two most famous, *The Raising of the Cross* (1610-11) and *The Deposition* (1611-14), have wisely not been moved from the Cathedral, where they are accessible (afternoons only), together with the *Assumption of the Virgin* on the High Altar, which dates from 1625-27, although an exquisite sketch in the exhibition, depicting *The Assumption and Coronation of the Virgin*, relates to a much earlier competition for this crucial site. Rubens's sketches have always been cherished for their delicacy of touch and freedom of handling and this one (lent by the Hermitage) is no exception, with the Virgin in white and Christ in a beautiful soft pink. Those for the ceiling of the Jesuit Church in Antwerp are even more precious, since the whole scheme, carried out in 1620, perished in a fire less than 100 years later: eight are exhibited, some highly finished, others little more than vigorous notations *en grisaille*, such as the *Resurrection* which was recently discovered in the storeroom of the Musée des Beaux-Arts, Dijon.

Thetis dipping Achilles in the Styx, c. 1630

Rubens's most important achievement of the early 1620s was the Marie de Médicis cycle, which must rank as one of the greatest triumphs of art over nature as well as (in the words of the cataloguers) "one of the outstanding monuments of baroque art", since it would be difficult to find a less prepossessing couple around which to fashion such a dazzling farrago of tumultuous allegory. Rubens's diplomatic skills were needed just as much as his artistic creativity in *Henri IV's arrival at Lyons and the consummation of his marriage to Marie de Medicis*, for which a luminous sketch from the Hermitage is shown.

Many decorative schemes were carried out in tapestry in the seventeenth century and Rubens provided several sets of cartoons, of which some of the finest relate to a commission from the Archduchess Isabella on the theme of *The Triumph of the Eucharist* for the Church of the Señoras Religiosas Descalzas Reales in Madrid. His inexhaustible fertility of invention is equally apparent in another series on a secular theme, *The history of Achilles*, probably executed for Daniel Fourment, the father of the painter's second wife Hélène, whom he married in 1630. The sketch of *Thetis dipping Achilles in the Styx* is painted with tremendous verve, the gloomy castle in the background created out of single, wide brushstrokes while the more highly finished *modelli* are packed with telling detail, as in the two for the same series from the Musée des Beaux-Arts, Pau, which will be unfamiliar to all but Rubens scholars. For the greatest revelation of the show, gratitude is once again due to the Spaniards, this time the Royal Hospital of San Andres de los Flamencos, a charitable institution for Flemings in Madrid, which has lent *The martyrdom of St Andrew* from its chapel, where it has been since 1639, shortly after it was painted.

The grandest altarpiece in the exhibition is shown in the section devoted to the drawings, although it is in fact so placed that visitors to the museum see it on entering: painted for the Augustinian Church in Antwerp in 1628, it is a stupendous canvas, containing no fewer than 14 saints in addition to the Holy Family, and the presence in the exhibition of a preliminary drawing, a *modello* for the whole composition and a study for Saints Sebastian and George make it possible to watch Rubens at work, as it were. It is a great pity that, presumably for understandable conservation reasons, the drawings had to be exhibited separately, since in several other cases they relate to paintings exhibited: for example there are three studies for *The Garden of Love* (lent by the Prado), a vivid brush-and-ink sketch of the Earl of Arundel which relates to the oil sketch of the same sitter lent by the National Portrait Gallery, and a preliminary pen, ink, and wash drawing for the remarkable *Samson betrayed by Delilah* that originally belonged to Nicolaas Rockox and dates from soon after the artist's return from Italy. Not all the drawings correspond to known pictures, however, so that the brilliant *Hercules and Minerva repelling Mars*, in which oil and possibly body colour are applied over black chalk, although recalling a theme dear to the peace-loving Rubens and treated by him on a number of occasions, can be appreciated purely for its impressive qualities of movement and dramatic tension.

Of the other exhibitions in Antwerp the most worthwhile is that in St. James's Church (until September 19), although the building's permanent contents, which include a wonderful *Calling of St Peter* by Jordaens and some staggering sculpture in black and white marble, are more appealing than the assortment of ecclesiastical bric-a-brac that has been gathered together and meticulously catalogued, but only in Flemish, a language which no foreigner can reasonably be expected to know. Fortunately, the catalogue of the main exhibition is available in English and that of the permanent old master collection of the Royal Museum in French.

The busy summer of Gillian Lynne

The last few days have been more than usually active ones for Gillian Lynne, the choreographer and director now virtually in residence at the RSC: within a single week at the Aldwych she opened her *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (co-directed with John Barton) and the musical of *Comedy of Errors*, commuting between rehearsals and first nights to a television studio where by way of a change from the Bard she's doing the dance routines for the ever successful *Muppet Show*. To go from Titania to a hand puppet in a single day must represent a sizable artistic journey, but it seems not to have confused Miss Lynne who is anyway more than a little familiar with the *Dream* since she played Puck in a celebrated 1958 BBC television production for Rudolph Cartier.

Now divorced from the QC to whom she was married for many years, and without children of her own, Miss Lynne's life is totally wrapped up in the business she first joined as a young teenage dancer towards the end of the war. An only child whose mother had been killed in a car crash, she joined the Sadler's Wells ballet after private lessons at a school in Bromley where among the other pupils was a young Beryl Grey. At the Wells under Ninette de Valois she danced her way through to the Queen in *Giselle*, sharing roles with Moira Shearer and Beryl Grey until they both fell ill on an American tour and Gillian Lynne was left dancing all the principal roles, an experience which strained her heart and forced her to leave the Wells in 1951.

"I had great thoughts of being a straight actress, so I went into Rep in Devon and played all the juvenile leads quite appallingly until one day they gave me an old lady to be and I realized that with all my dance training I could move in the right way, and that suddenly gave me the confidence I'd been lacking."

From there Gillian Lynne progressed to the Palladium, where they were in search of a resident ballerina to close the first half before such visiting celebrities as Jimmy Durante; there she was seen by a talent scout from MGM who put her into *The Master of Ballantrae* opposite Errol Flynn. Not an unadventurous start for a lady who thought she was going to be the next Jessie Matthews:

"After a while, though, I went back to ballet and began to choreography, first for the Western Theatre Ballet and then up on the Edinburgh Festival fringe where I staged *Collages* to music by Dudley Moore; David Merrick saw that and gave me a couple of Broadway jobs choreographing *Pickwick* and *The Roar of the Greasepaint*; at the same time I got a Cliff Richard film to do and suddenly all the work began to come in very fast."

Gillian Lynne takes a brighter view than most of the prospects for the English stage musical, though she has lately turned down four of them:

"If it's a really good script, then you still know you're going to have to work very hard to make it work; if you have any doubts at all about the script, then it's better just not to start, and lately there have been some terrible scripts around. People are still trying to do musical adaptations of the classics or else appalling imitations of *Superstar*. We ought to have progressed beyond all that: musicals now are about a mood, not a whole lot of scenery or gyrating crowds. We need to get back to the idea of a small-scale, lyrical entertainment: it's no good just plugging in the noise and the movement and hoping you'll get another *Hair*, because you won't. But the English musical theatre never seems to learn from its mistakes, the first of which is the apparent inability to find good writers. You can't imagine the joy of doing *The Comedy of Errors* and discovering that we were dealing with a writer who knew something about construction of plots. Given the right framework, English dancers can be just as exciting as Americans: *Chorus Line*, worked because the framework was right, not just because they were Broadway people originally.

"Working with people at the RSC who are fundamentally actors and not singers or dancers does of course make a difference, and it makes the rehearsal period much tougher for them and for me, but I'd infinitely rather be working with an actor who can dance a little than with a dancer who can act a little. The cast of *Comedy of Errors* may not be able to dance up a storm, but because they make their characters so believable, that doesn't seem to much matter."

Gillian Lynne now has one of her own original ballets in the repertoire at the Sydney Opera House: called *The Fool on the Hill* and based on Beatles music from the Sixties, it starred life as an award-winning television spectacular, and there is talk now of another new ballet for Chicago. Along the way, there are also regular dance and movement classes to be given to the RSC companies at Stratford and the Aldwych, and a whole new series of *The Muppets* to think about. All in all it is going to be another busy summer.

Sheridan Morley

Henry V
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon

Irving Wardle

Now entering on its third year of life, Terry Hands's famous production originally appeared in repertory with the two parts of *Henry IV* as the final chapter in the transformation of good King Hal. This time the play comes more obscurely at the beginning of a cycle, and it is hard to see what essential links Mr Hands will be able to make with the three parts of *Henry VI*.

No doubt I shall regret those words by the end of the week; and in the meanwhile, the cycle has at least supplied a pretext for reviving this glorious piece of work with Alan Howard back in command of the title part.

Mr Hands's great achievement is to have produced a version of *Henry V* which manages to square anti-militarist scruples with a full-blooded treatment of the great national folk tale. Mr Howard's performance is the main key to its success, but no Shakespearian hero was ever less of a one-man show. Mr Howard's success in reflecting the diversity of British character depends on the actual diversity of his surrounding company. And one sign of the production's strength is that its original statement remains intact despite wholesale cast changes.

Of the old Eastcheap gang, at least Tim Wylton's Bardolph survives, hobbling off to war on a stick, decomposed in every respect except his booming parade-ground voice. It will be a sad day when this mildewed figure finally leaves the stage as it has come to represent the presiding genius of Stratford's English histories.

Mr Wylton's new companions include Jeffrey Dench and Philip Dunbar, who play the Pistol-Nym quarrel with hilarious combination of fighting words and wringing gesture; and Valerie Lush who offers a bourgeois Hostess in comparison with the late Maureen Pryor (inviting no laughs in the speech on Falstaff's death).

On French soil the group join with Barrie Rutter's Macmorris (characterized as a wild Irish bomber) and David Shaw-Parker's Jamy in the extravagant multi-regional contingent surrounding Geoffrey Hutching's Fluellen, an intense pedagogic figure who sees himself as the best man there but respects himself too much to resort to open competition until driven to it in the leek episode.

Mr Hands excels in those scenes as he clearly relishes them and has no qualms about pushing his actors over the top. In any case, they have a safety net in Fluellen; and the result richly repays his trust in material that is often handled with embarrassment.

Mr Howard's performance remains the portrait of a new boy gradually discovering his strength. The big turning points remain unaltered: as where he practically vomits after sentencing the English conspirators to death, and suffers agony in authorizing Bardolph's execution with Pistol staring him accusingly in the eye. Apart from this actor's electrifying delivery—the most stirring voice the part has attracted since Olivier's—the excitement lies in repeatedly capping a moment of private doubt with a splendid public gesture; invariably astonishing himself in discovering he can make it. New to me in the night scene was the discovery of another face of the former Hal; borrowing old Erpingham's cloak to prowl round the camp fires just as in former days he put on drawer's apron at the Boar's Head.

Photograph by Donald Cooper

Alan Howard

Smiling Immortal
Round House

John Percival

Norman Morrice's *Smiling Immortal*, his last new work before taking up his new post as director of the Royal Ballet, was given its premiere in Ballet Rambert's gala at the Round House on Monday, together with the London premieres of works by Christopher Bruce and Jaap Flier. Although an unusually sombre programme for a gala performance, it showed the company in a more interesting light than last week's offering.

The goddess who provides Morrice with his title and his theme is Aphrodite. He and his designer John Macfarlane allow themselves a hint of Botticelli in the opening section, with the immortal and her attendants in gauzy pleated chitons grouped before a sea shell, but already the sharp outline of the decor, semi-abstract in treatment, gives the clue to the unsentimental approach of the collaborators.

Building up gradually from tiny movements to a frenzy, the women establish their dominance before any men appear. Then the victims come rolling in, like debris rolled by the tide across the sea's bed. They are bandaged and bloody, suffering already from love's wounds, the red seeping from their loincloths as well as their hearts.

It is not a narrative work, and the symbolism is sometimes distantly allusive, but the general drift is unambiguously clear. At the heart of the *work* is a duet in which Lucy Burge as the goddess quietly and gently develops her command over Zoltan Imre as an all too willing victim. Her smile, when it eventually comes, is cold and cruel.

Yet there is an impression that the wounds of love are as painful for those who give as those who suffer. It comes partly from the way the goddess withdraws her hand from the grasp of the would-be next victim, but also by implication in earlier passages.

Jonathan Harvey's score for five wind players, four strings, piano and percussion suffers to some extent by coming after similarly slow, atmospheric pieces by George Crumb and Harrison Birtwistle, but holds its own interest and contributes to the mood of the new work.

The Flier-Birtwistle collaboration confirms the merits it revealed at its recent Aldeburgh Festival premiere. Christopher Bruce's *Echoes of a Night Sky* to three movements from Crumb's "Music for a Summer Evening", has one brief passage of such exhilarating invention, when the women soar like meteors in the men's arms, as to draw attention to the deliberately limited range of the rest, which unrolls so uniformly as to become soporifically monotonous. Bruce is more consistently interesting a performer than a choreographer; why does he appear so seldom nowadays?

Kemp's Jig
Cottesloe

Ned Chaillet

Will Kemp clowned his way through several years with Shakespeare's company, making his way into innumerable academic treatises as a footnote, while the popular story of his nine-day Morris dance from London to Norwich made its way into folklore. Chris Harris appears as Kemp, reminiscing on the night before his triumphant entry into Norwich about the buxom woman who danced part of the way with him, about being snowbound for five days and about "Shakerags", the "poxy quill pusher" who finally forced him out of the theatre for clowning too coarsely.

It is a wonderfully sustained piece of clowning and storytelling, low art of a special sort, enlivened by bawdy and dancing and a fine disregard for Shakespeare. Mr Harris appears alone on the stage, drawing props and costumes from an ingenious box which brims with tools of the mirth-making business.

For the other characters of his tale, he resorts to impersonation, sketching a chin-scratching Shakespeare or an imperious Burbage with simple gestures and evocative voices. The trick that gives the show its greatest charm is the balance Mr Harris maintains between the clowning and the shadow of Shakespeare's art.

Perhaps Kemp was not so rough a clown as the show depicts, keen to insert a red nose, a funny hat or a stuffed dog on wheels into *Much Ado About Nothing* or *Romeo and Juliet* for the sake of a laugh, but Mr Harris makes a case for Kemp as a groundling, the rough edge of a theatre that also resounded with Shakespeare's words.

I called the show low art, for Mr Harris keeps it that way by joking with the audience, deriding Shakespeare and trundling out the clown's basic tricks. But Mr Harris and John David, the director, slyly educate with the text as they entertain with the performance, lucidly presenting plague-stricken London from its bear pits to its executions.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Football

Revie: failed to carry over club success to international arena

By Norman Fox,
Football Correspondent

Don Revie's letter of resignation as England's manager arrived at the Football Association's offices in London yesterday, confirming the overnight news that had taken officials by surprise. Some, including the chairman, Professor Sir Harold Thompson, were annoyed that Mr Revie's decision was first seen in the newspapers. All seemed agreed that a replacement had to be appointed quickly. Bobby Robson, the Ipswich Town manager, has emerged as the favourite although yesterday all he would say was: "It's nice to think I'm in the running."

Rumours of Mr Revie's departure began after England lost to Italy in Rome last November. That result almost certainly cost the team a place in next year's World Cup final competition in Argentina. After defeats by the Netherlands, Wales and Scotland at Wembley later last season the England team went to South America feeling even more deflated. Meanwhile, Mr Revie, travelled to Helsinkik where he watched Italy beat Finland 3—0.

He thus missed seeing England draw with Brazil in one of their better performances and although the team went on to be unbeaten on tour, it was obvious on his arrival that Mr Revie was deeply depressed by having seen Italy reduce England's World Cup chances to a mathematical improbability. In fact, it was rumoured that while in Buenos Aires he discussed the tersm of his resignation with FA officials.

Throughout his three years as manager Mr Revie was best by injuries to players who should have become the backbone of his 1978 World Cup team. The loss of Bell and later Francis particularly upset his planning, but the vein of criticism against him was rooted in impatience with his frequent tampering of tactics and seemingly unforced team changes.

In the end he felt that "nearly everyone in the country wanted me out. So I'm giving them what they want." Earlier in his career he sometimes seemed oblivious of criticism but since leaving Leeds United for England in 1974 he has become increasingly insecure and even occasionally admitted to some self-doubts about his ability to take his successful club career on into the international arena.

Without doubt there were FA officials who felt Mr Revie should have been removed when it became clear that England had virtually no chance of reaching the World Cup finals, but, officially, they stated that his dismissal would not be considered until after the game against Italy at Wembley next November. Dick Wragg, who is chairman of the international committee, gave him support and even yesterday said: "There has been no approach to anybody so far. In fact we are hoping to persuade Don to stay on and sign a new contract." However, he said that as England's next game was against Switzerland on September 7 it was important to find a new manager—if that was necessary—as soon as possible and an emergency meeting would be called.

Mr Wragg said members of the international committee were "dreadfully disapopinted" by Mr Revie's decision. Surprise and a degree of annoyance were also reactions heard yesterday. Sir Harold Thompson said: "We are all very sad that Mr Revie should not tell his employers before telling the newspapers what he is doing."

Ted Croker, the FA secretary, confirmed the arrival of Mr Revie's resignation letter and said it was totally unexpected. One of Mr Revie's closest colleagues during his time as manager of Leeds United and England was his assistant manager, Les Cocker, whom I would expect Mr Revie to want at his side when he returns to club management. Mr Cocker said he thought Mr Revie had done "a good job" and certainly many of the England players have remained loyol to the manager throughout the difficulties. They especially appreciated his keen eye for financial reward—the same keenness that, through him, brought lucrative and criticized commercial contracts for the FA.

Michael Channon, who has occasionally captained the England team, said: "His biggest problem has been that he has not had a settled side. He did everything he could for the players and it's worth more to play for England now than when he became manager. He couldn't have done more for us in that respect. If he did make a mistake it was probably in leaving Alan Ball out of the side too early and not having anyone to replace him."

Mr Revie took over as England manager after a brief period in which Joe Mercer was "caretaker" in succession to Sir Alf Ramsey. England had failed to qualify for the 1974 World Cup and the FA decided to buy Mr Revie's services for about £25,000 a year. He signed a four-year contract and was expected to simulate a club attitude in an international environment. He soon found this almost impossible and was unable to lead England into the European championship last year. Defeat by Italy in Rome in the World Cup last November was, for many, proof that he had failed and the slight improvement in teamwork seen in South America came too late.

Although his record with England seemed adequate on paper (P 29, W 14, D 8, L 7, F 49, A 25) Mr Revie could not produce a team to compare with the best in the world and this was particularly noticeable in important matches against good-quality opposition. It could be argued that he inherited the England team at a time of impoverishment, and undoubtedly injuries checked him at every turn. However, as Joe Mercer said: "The world wants winners."

While last night Manchester United discussed the possibility of attracting Mr Revie to Old Trafford the Football Association's international committee were receiving plenty of advice. Half a dozen or more candidates' names for the manager's position were soon volunteered, yet there is not a clearly superior choice. The list is headed, marginally, by Mr Robson, who was the committee's second choice to Mr Revie in 1974. Mr Robson is well qualified, having played for England and been well thought of as a coach. Undoubtedly he will have strong support at the FA.

Jack Charlton, another former England player, said when he left Middlesbrough last season that he did not expect to start work again before November, which happens to be the month in which England play Italy, but finally the FA are likely to choose Mr Robson, thus again looking to Ipswich Town to provide success, as they did when appointing Sir Alf Ramsey.

Ted Croker, the FA secretary, with Don Revie's letter of resignation.

Frankfur, July 12. — West Germany, the world football champions, will play friendly international matches next year against England in Munich on February 22, and against the Soviet Union in Frankfurt on March 8, the West German Football Association announced here today.

No doubt now about survival of US game

New York, July 12.—Soccer is finally finding its place on the United States sports scene, *Newsweek* magazine said this week. It described as "astonishing" an attendance record of 62,394 recently set by the New York Cosmos, followed a week later by a crowd of 57,191.

Noting that only a few months ago, New York press coverage of soccer was limited to educational pieces on the rules of the "immigrant" game, the magazine said: "Now the mercurial moods of Chinaglia and the defensive heroics of Beckenbauer are the stuff of rgular stories and headlines."

One reason for the sudden boom, *Newsweek* said, was the improved standard of the North American Soccer League. "Imported players have aided the development of young American players . . . and when the League's steady spear-carriers were suddenly given a chance to be a supporting cast for legends like Pele, Best and Beckenbauer, the NASL achieved a performance level that is generally rated equal to all but the very top leagues in Europe and South America."

Newsweek said soccer found its route to the heart of the American middle class through its children. "A mere curiosity a few years ago, youth soccer is booming like no other sport." The United States Soccer Federation reported membership among children at 500,000 against 15,000 in 1971.

"There can be no argument now about the survival of professional soccer (in the United States)—or the overall growth of the immigrant game that is becoming as American as Astroturf", *Newsweek* said.—UPI.

Keegan pleases Hamburg

Hamburg, West Germany, July 12.—The England international player Kevin Keegan today proved a hit with his new club Hamburg—as a ticket salesman. Hamburg's chairman, Peter Krohn, who paid Liverpool £500,000 for Keegan, said his new signing sold 2,200 tickets worth £11,250 during his first working day with the club.

The tickets were for friendly games against Barcelona, on July 26, and Liverpool, on August 3. Dr Krohn said Keegan also gave 3,000 autographs to clamouring supporters.

Yachting

O'Malleys move up to join the elite at top of points table

By John Nicholls

It was the turn of the American team to take the honours in the races for the world women's sailing championships at Hayling Island yesterday. Jan and Patricia O'Malley finished first in the fleet of 26 dinghies in the 420 class and Poppy Trueman won from 31 other boats in the single-handed Laser class. Both crews were already well placed in the points tables of their respective classes and they are now among the elite group at the top of each table from which the eventual winners will surely come.

The O'Malleys have now scored two first places and two fifths, which puts them into second place overall behind the British boat sailed by Catherine Foster and Wendy Hilder with a first, second and two thirds. Another of the British crews, Minnie Currey and Deborah Chiverton improved their standing yesterday by finishing second, but with a disqualification and an eighteenth place in their score, their chance of an overall win must now be remote. They were disqualified on Monday for an infringement of the sailing rules, which involved one of the Spanish boats.

In 1975 Miss Currey finished second to Miss Foster in the European women's championship, last year French crews filled the first three places. The event has now been up-graded into world status and their are teams from 19 countries at Hayling Island. British women have never done quite so well in the single-handed class as in the two-woman class and this year is so far following the same trend. Although Deborah Gorrod has won two of the four Laser races, she has also finished twelfth and sixth. So her points score is not as good as that of the Australian, Lyndall Coxon, who has finished first, second twice and fourth.

Four of the scheduled seven races have now been sailed and only one more is required before the series can officially be styled a championship. It might be worth pointing out at this stage, that W. J. Kempner, the principal race officer, has had a difficult job in deciding each day whether or not to race and at what time to hold the start. Knowing that unless he arranged five races there would be no championships, he has been inclined to press on with the published programme and hope for the best.

The competitors are well on their way to comfpleting a series and, if necessary, Mr Kempner can now decide to postopne races and rearrange the programme if he thinks it would be alvisi dus to do so. It is true that of he compleed races would had better conditions had been held later in the day, that is being wise after the e Some classes overcome problem by alowing only one to decide a championship, bu the event of one, possibly f races, who is to say that winner is a true champion minimum of five races, with discard is surely better and if cannot be achieved, then do out a championship until year.

In spite o fall the vicissi of the weather, the same neari the same) boats appea the head of the fleet each Yesterday was similar to the previous days, with a mode breeze to start with, grad dying away by the en dof races. The final round for classes became a lottery and t were many place changes. Foster lost the lead in the class and Mrs Gorrod dro from third to sixth in her Las

420: 1, J. and P. O'Malley (2, M. Currey and D. Chiverton (3, C. Foster and W. Hilder (Other British placing: 8, M. Si and D. Phillips.

Laser: P. Trueman (US); 2, L. ((France); 3, V. Dudley (Aust British placings: 6, D. Gorrod; 7 Ingram; 14, A. Thomson.

Reception for Australian challengers

Newport, Rhodes Island, July 12.—The strains of "Waltzing Matilda" will fill the air on Tuesday night as Newport formally welcomes the Australian challengers for the America's Cup. Activities were scheduled to begin at six o'clock (22.00 gmt) with a parade from the Newport shipyard to the Old Colony House on Washington Square, where the French challengers were greeted last month.

The Newport Artillery company will fire a welcoming salvo and the Australian national anthem will be played. Another formal reception for the Swedish contingent is planned for July 21.

Meanwhile, the New York Yacht Club's race committee has warned the United States entries in the America's Cup races against informal duels with foreign challengers.

The warning follows an impromptu race last week between the American 12-metre yacht Enterprise and Australia's Gretel II in Rhode Island Sound off Newport.

Commodore Robert C. McCullough of the yacht club said the committee felt the results could be misleading and could also damage the importance of official races. "They've got so much competition among themselves this year, they don't need to sail with anyone else." McCullogh said.

Gretel II, challenger for the cup in 1970 against Intrepid, has a new hull design and is one of two Australian entries. The o is Australia, a new alumi yacht.

During the past three d crews of Sweden's Sverige her trial Horse, Columbia, been working out. The French yacht, France II, expected to get under the first time Tuesday.—As ted Press.

THE JAMES COOK TROPHY: 1: Cherbourg-Poole Leige-Glücksker. Team results: Mancha I (Crazy Horse, Ecumeur), 42 pts; 2, II (Severine, Ponction, Presto) pts; 3, Britain (Devastation, Anne, Purple Haze), 21 pts. Individual results: 1, Presto (S. Rosier), rected time 18hr 27min Crazy Horse (M. Goater), corr time 18hr 29min; 3, Ecumeur Hiet), corrected time 18hr 3 4sec.

Taylor elected

John Taylor, the former Wales flank forward, has been elected captain of London Welsh for next Welsh in 1972-73 and 73-74 seasons. Taylor, 30, was badly injured in January, 1975

Newbury betting

Ladbrokes' odds for Saturday's Morland Brewery Handicap at Newbury are: 9-2 Tanaka, 11-2 Royal Hive, 13-2 Celtic Pleasure, 8-1 Grey Buttons, Gregarious, Nice Balance, 10-1 others.

Djajic signs

Belgrade, July 12.—De Dajic, of Yugoslavia, last ni signed a four-year contract his former club Red Star Belg after playing for Bastia, a Fr first division side, for the two years.—Reuter.

Racing

Alcinea beats Tribal Eye (left) in the Larch Stakes at Kempton Park yesterday.

Marshalls rule in Beverley feature

By Michael Seely

Sir Desmond Plummer was at Beverley yesterday. The chairman of the Horse Race Betting Levy Board has now visited 52 of the 62 racecourses in Great Britain and hopes to complete his tour by 1978, when the joint committee of the Levy Board and the Jockey Club will issue the results of their study of the overall picture.

Sir Desmond was impressed with what he saw at Beverley and said that the whole racecource, particularly the track itself, was kept in first class condition. He said that £386,000 had been spent at Berevley since 1961, £240,000 from Levy Board funds and the remainder by the racecourse company. He thoroughly approved the alterations and improvements being made to the stable lads' hostel, which is costing £38,000. But the chairman went on to add that it was a great pity that the county council could not see their way towards allowing the executive to let out these amenities to holidaymakers or to students. Obviously all racecourses represent an under-utilization of capital and the importance of their obtaining revenue from non-racing sources cannot be overstressed.

Sir Desmond refused to be drawn on the subject of whether the Levy Board would withdraw their support from certain courses. "I am still keeping an open mind on the subject," he said, "as there is no point in anticipating the report of the special committee". But he did emphasise that racing had a long way to go in the business of selling itself, although the north of England has taken positive steps in this direction. He concluded by saying that he considered this to be a matter for the Racecourses Association rather than for the Levy Board.

The day's feature race, the Robert B. Massey Group Trophy resulted in a victory for Newmarket. The 11-8 on favourite, Swing Bridge, was in trouble a long way from home. Paul Cook drove him up to challenge below the distance, but the colt then hung to the right and failed by a length and a half to catch the 10-1 outsider, Alaskan Prince, who is trained by Bill Marshall.

Alaskan Prince was ridden by the trainer's son Richard. Marshall said: "I told Richard to make as much use of Alaskan Prince as possible, as the colt is bred to stay all day, and I thought that the favourite who is by Swing Easy might not last out this stiff seven furlongs in a fast run race".

The trainer owns the winner in partnership with Gillian Hudson, who bred the colt at her stud at Polegate, in Sussex. So the Marshalls were in the happy position of receiving the trophies awarded to the owner, trainer and jockey.

Penalty may not hold back Cecil's improving filly

By Michae lSeely

Peter Walwyn's Warwick Ooaks winner, Tanaka, has been installed as favourite at 4 to 1 with Joe Corals for the £7,0000 Moorland Brewery Trophy at Newbury on Saturday. There were 16 acceptors at the four-day stage for this competitive handicap for three-year-olds, run over one mile five furlongs. Tanaka, who gave Olwyn 5lb and a neck beating at Warwick, is considered by her trainer to be a fast improving filly. But so too is Henry Cecil's fluent Newmarket winner, Royal Hive, who is second choice in the market at 5 to 1. Even with her 7lb penalty for that success, Louis Freedman's filly may not be overburdened with 8st 3lb. Corals then goes 7 to 1 Nice Balance, Gregarious and Celtic Pleasure.

Cecil must have an outstanding chance of landing a big race double on Saturday, as his impressive Sandown Park scorer, Alfante, looks capable of following up that success in the £6,000 Joe Coral Handicap at Ayr. A lfante recorded a fast time in his Sandown victory and despite his 5lb penalty must be considered the pick of the weights. The 11 acceptors includes last year's winner Trusted who is not a certain runner, Claudio Nicolai, Andy Rew, Charta Pearl and Rhodontade. The sponsors make Alfante their favourite at 5-2, but he could well start at a shorter price. Of the lightweights, Charta Pearl, just touched off by the Nadi Royale at York on Saturday, must hold a sound each way chance with only 7st 12lb.

Not to be outdone Newmarket are staging the £5,000 Fen Ditton Stakes, a limited handicap for three-year-olds, run over one mile. The 1,000 Guineas winner, Mrs McCardy, heads the list of 18 acceptors, but Michael Easterby's filly may find it no easy matter to give 3lb to Luca Cumani's handsome colt, Sotto II Vulcano, who showed such speed and resolution when beating Claddagh at Newmarket on the July course last week.

This afternoon the Northern scene moves to Redcar where that busy little three-year-old, Goldhills Pride, can record his fourth victory of the season by capturing the £3,000 John Player Stakes.

His trainer, Tom Craig, has kept Goldhills Pride on the move all season after winning two handicaps in April in his native Scotland. The colt has twice made the long journey south from Dunbar to take on the top sprinters in important races. At Newmarket in May he ran the race of his life when deadheating for third place behind Naga Navarro in the Palace House Stakes. Then again at Royal Ascot he had the speed to lead such good horses as Godswalk and Girl Friend for over three furlongs in the group 1 King's Stand Stakes, eventually finishing fourth beaten just over 7 lengths by the winner.

The reason Goldhills Pride has kept his relatively low mark in the weights is because he has twice finished second in all-aged handicaps, first to Epsom Imp at Ripon and then to Panglima at Doncaster. This was a shrewd move by Craig

Waya should return to winning form

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, July 12

Waya is my selection for the group three Prix Chloe for three-year-old fillies, at Evry tomorrow, but I also expect Diatoma and Sevres to put in good performances. Angel Penna has only raced Waya on three occasions and her record so far reads two wins and a second. The filly met defeat on her last racecourse appearance in the Prix de Malleret at Longchamp on May 26, but her jockey, Yves Saint-Martin could be described as a little complacent that day. Having taken the lead a furlong from home Saint-Martin was caught a little unawares by the late challenge of Les Saintes Claires and Maurice Philipperon, who took the event by a short head.

Trillion has been withdrawn from the Irish Guiness Oaks at the Curragh next Saturday, but remains engaged in the Prix Maurice de Nieul to be run at St-Cloud on Thursday.

Stud plans for The Minstrel

Brisbane, July 12.—The Minstrel, this year's Epsom and Irish Derby winner, will go to Australia every other year to stand at stud, Colin Hayes, an Adelaide breeder and trainer, said today. Mr Hayes said that the Minstrel would be at his Lindsay Park Stud in South Australia for the 1978 season.

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American trip could be possible for Lucky Sovereign

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Soon the canvassing for runners for this year's Washington DC International, at Laurel in November, will begin in earnest with the arrival in Europe of the course's president, John D. Schapiro, who will be at Ascot later this month to see the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. This year Mr Schapiro will arrive with his card already marked so far as England is concerned, because during his recent stay in this country one of Laurel's directors Danny van Clief did quite a bit of sounding out behind the scenes.

He and Mr Schapiro have been acutely aware that English support for the International has been somewhat lukewarm in recent years whereas the French have given the race full support by providing three runners for each of the past four years; the winner on each occasion and the first three to finish for the past two years. It has been felt that one reason for the lack of English support lately has been the prospect of bad ground. But that should no longer be the case because Mr van Clief has been able to assure English trainers, that since last season, every effort has been made to improve the turf course at Laurel.

Discussing the course yesterday, Mr van Clief said that a new drainage system has been installed and that both he and Mr Schapiro are confident that all the old problems have been solved and the course will do them proud in the future. One man already approached to take up the challenge this year is Harry Wragg, the trainer of Lucky Sovereign. And Wragg told Mr van Clief that if he gets a firm invitation to run Lucky Sovereign at Laurel he will advise his owners to accept because he is convinced that his colt could beat The Minstrel racing round a course as tight as Laurel, even though he was beaten by the Derby winner in the Irish Derby on the Curragh. The last horse trained in England, to win the International, was Karabas in 1969.

On the domestic front there is racing again today at Kempton Park, where Fettered Lady looks a reasonably good bet to retain her unbeaten record in the Wren Stakes. The conditions of this race certainly suit Fettered Lady, who won very easily at Nottingham in April and again at Goodwood the following month, because they state that penalties are only incurred by those horses who were successful after June 18. No wonder Henry Candy is taking this opportunity to race Fettered Lady again.

If I were to try to forecast the first two in the correct order, I would be tempted to take a chance with Cuatro Biancas whose performance at Newmarket last week, when he finished last in the Chesterfield Stakes, was surely too bad to be true. Before that Cuatro Biancas had won nicely over today's course and distance in June, beating Brian's Venture and Cancaniere.

The Princess Handicap Stakes may be won by Ron Mason's useful sprinter, Crimson Silk, who was beaten only a neck by that good filly Mofida, at Haydock Park, earlier this month. Before that Crimson Silk had run very well for a three-year-old, in the Wokingham Stakes at Royal Ascot, where he finished fourth behind Calibina, Last Tango and Kintore. Crimson Silk is preferred now to Doctor Wall, Raffia Set and Port Royal. Although he was beaten half a length by The Goldstone, at Brighton recently, Vrondi should certainly manage to beat his o rival in the Mortlake Handicap Stakes because he will be meeting The Goldstone on 16lb better terms.

Even so Vrondi may still have to be content with second place because I doubt whether he beat Can Run, who was train in Ireland last season. A re victory at Great Yarmouth gested that Can Run has matured at long last and that just beginning to recapture form that won him a race on Curragh last year. Finally the way that The Coral Horse at Sandown Park on July 1 suggest that he ought capable of winning the St Ja Stakes at the expense of Carrig and Hallez-Loup.

STATE OF GOING (official) ton Park: Good. Redcar: Tomorrow: Bath: Firm. Park: Hard. Nottingham: Good firm.

Kempton Park programme

2.15 WREN STAKES (2-y-o : £1,400 : 5f)

3	214	Chads Gamble (D), J. Bethell, 8-11	W. Carson	4
5	0410	Cuatro Biancas (C-D), W. Hastings-Bass, 8-11	L. Piggott	2
8	2012	Supergas (D), P. Cole, 8-11	G. Baxter	11
9	11	Fettered Lady (D), H. Candy, 8-8	P. Waldron	9
10	401133	Kirsty Girl (D), S. Supple, 8-8	P. Eddery	1
11	21	Lady Bequick (D), J. Tree, 8-8	S. Raymont 5	8
13	31	Queen of the Realm (D), C. Miller, 8-8	T. McKeown	5
14	4210	September Day, G. Balding, 8-8	Bob Weaver	7
19	0	Maker-Match, T. Gosling, 8-7	P. Cook	3
20	0	Music Centre, B. Swift, 8-7	G. Ramshaw	6
21		The Adrianstan, J. Sutcliffe, 8-7	B. Rouse	10

7-4 Fettered Lady, 5-2 Cuatro Biancas, 9-2 Lady Bequick, 8-1 Queen of the Realm, 12-1 Supergas, Chads Gamble, 14-1 others.

2.45 SHEPPERTON HANDICAP (£1,038 : 1½m)

201	0-02200	Assurance (D), G. Harwood, 4-9-7	G. Starkey	3
202	011121	Miss Dallas (D), G. Smyth, 5-9-0	G. Lewis	6
203	404421	Oriental Star, M. Stoute, 4-8-12	N. Crowther 5	2
204	41-0440	Ski Shop (H, D), P. Cole, 4-8-5	G. Baxter	1
206	00-124	Tell Michelle, B. Hanbury, 3-7-9	W. Carson	5
207	0-0004	Pontylay, J. O'Donoghue, 3-7-7	P. O'Leary	4

2-1 Miss Dallas, 9-4 Oriental Star, 4-1 Tell Michelle, 13-2 Ski Shop, 10-1 Assurance, 20-1 Pontylay.

3.15 PRINCESS HANDICAP (£1,716 : 6f)

302	00-2231	Doctor Wall (D), J. Tree, 4-9-9	S. Raymont 5	2
303	0-00111	Port Royal (B, D), A. Ingham, 4-9-6	M. Thomas	5
304	423-304	Raffia Set, W. Wightman, 4-9-4	P. Eddery	7
305	0-01020	Balldon, G. Harwood, 7-9-2	G. Starkey	1
307	120-000	Rahesh, P. Cundell, 3-9-1	L. Piggott	8
308	30-4u03	Ribramble (B, D), L. Cumani, 5-9-0	W. Wharton	4
310	120130-	Dame Clare (B, b), P. Cole, 4-8-11	G. Baxter	3
314	004342	Crimson Silk, R. Mason, 3-8-0	T. Ives	6

11-4 Port Royal, 7-2 Crimson Silk, 4-1 Doctor Wall, 5-1 Ribramble, 8-1 Balldon, 10-1 Raffia Set, 14-1 others.

3.45 MORTLAKE HANDICAP (£1,295 : 7f)

403	0-02400	Burma Pink (B, D), G. Harwood, 4-9-3	G. Starkey	3
404	0-00120	Gimri (D), C. Benstead, 4-9-1	B. Rouse	9
405	300321	The Goldstone (D), W. Wightman, 5-9-1	P. Eddery	11
407	13-1400	Blakey Ridge (B, D), C. Miller, 4-8-8	W. Carson	7
408	010100	Garden Party (D), J. Stevens, 5-8-7	S. Perks	12
409	1113-13	Friday Brown, M. Masson, 4-8-6	H. Ballantine 5	6
410	031142	Vrondi (D), B. Wise, 3-8-6	A. Bond	13
413	000441	Can Run (B, D), D. Gandolfo, 4-8-3	M. Thomas	8
414	1-30310	The Frummer, T. Marshall, 4-8-2	R. Still	2
416	010000	Miss Kung Fu (D), S. Supple, 4-7-9	W. Wharton 5	[illegible]
417	00-02	Light the Fire, P. Calver, 4-7-7	D. McKay	4
418	0000-00	Amberree (B), S. James, 4-7-7	T. McKeown	1
419	004000	First Send (D), R. Mason, 5-7-7	R. Fox	14
420	40-0000	Mount Street (D), S. Matthews, 5-7-7	V. Woods 5	10

4-1 Can Run, 9-2 The Goldstone, 11-2 Vrondi, 6-1 Friday Brown, 13-2 The Frummer, 8-1 Burma Pink, 10-1 Garden Party, 14-1 Blakey Ridge, 20-1 others.

4.15 ST JAMES'S STAKES (3-y-o : £1,142 : 1¼m)

502	000-01	The Coral Horse, Thomson Jones, 9-2	P. Cook	1
503	00-01	Carrigeen, W. Hern, 8-13	W. Carson	2
504	000201	Hallez-Loup, M. Smyly, 8-13	P. Morby	6
507	0000-00	Job's Mill, G. Balding, 8-11	Bob Weaver	7
507		Naval Victory, J. Dunlop, 8-11	Ron Hutchinson	4
511	00	Doon Silver, A. Davison, 8-8	—	5
512	00-00	Lunare, J. Holt, 8-8	P. Waldron	3
513	0-000	Leading Rose (B), D. Ringer, 8-8	E. Eldin	8

9-4 The Coral Horse, 11-4 Carrigeen, 7-2 Hallez-Loup, 5-1 Naval Victory, 12-1 others.

4.45 KEMPTON AUCTION STAKES (2-y-o : £1,226 : 6f)

601	00	Bold Johnny, D. Keith, 8-8	C. Francois	5
604		Caselet, J. Winter, 8-2	E. Eldin	13
606	0200	Russian Melody, R. Hannon, 8-2	P. Eddery	7
607	000	August Prince (B), G. Peter-Hoblyn, 7-13	I. Johnson	8
608	0	Bill The Banker, J. Sutcliffe, 7-13	B. Rouse	16
609	000	Cammsets, M. Goswell, 7-13	R. Fox	1
611	00	Lambeth Walk, P. Makin, 7-13	P. Waldron	9
613	0302	Prince Ramon, S. Supple, 7-13	R. Wernham 3	4
616	00	Silver Minstrel, A. Hide, 7-13	G. Sexton	10
617	020	Ski Run, E. Reavey, 7-13	E. Johnson	11
618	0	Estrellina, M. Masson, 7-10	H. Ballantine 5	14
620	4	Ma Famille, R. Vibert, 7-10	W. Carson	2
621	0	Margaret's Secret, P. Mitchell, 7-10	D. McKay	3
623	002	Please Yourself, D. Hanley, 7-10	M. Thomas	15
624		Sarah's Gold, S. Supple, 7-10	W. Wharton 5	6
626	400320	Shocking Miss, B. Swift, 7-10	J. Lynch	12

3-1 Please Yourself, 7-2 Ma Famille, 4-1 Shocking Miss, 11-2 Prince Ramon, 8-1 Russian Melody, 10-1 Caselet, 12-1 Ski Run, 14-1 others.

Kempton Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.15 FETTERED LADY is specially recommended. 2.45 Oriental Star. 3.15 Crimson Silk. 3.45 Can Run. 4.15 The Coral Horse. 4.45 Ma Famille.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Cuatro Blancas. 2.45 Tell Michelle. 4.15 The Coral Horse.

Redcar programme

[Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.0, 3.35 and 4.5 races]

2.0 KILTON STAKES (2-y-o : £658 : 6f)

3	0	Another Sunshine, J. Etherington, 8-11	J. Seagrave	8
4	0000	Hard Top, M. W. Easterby, 8-11	O. Gray	9
7	00	Summile, M. H. Easterby, 8-11	M. Birch	11
9		The Bionic Boy, D. Williams, 8-11	B. Hedley	3
10	0004	Trevine (B), E. Carter, 8-11	C. Dwyer	5
11	02320	Dance Band, R. Bastiman, 8-8	S. Webster 3	4
12	000	Final Act, A. Johnson, 8-8	G. Duffield	2
14	002000	Jean Marjorie (B), R. C. Ward, 8-8	K. Leason	10
15	00	Laura-May, J. Skilling, 8-8	J. Higgins	6
17	0	Nimborn, J. FitzGerald, 8-8	G. Oldroyd	13
18	00	Siilita, M. W. Easterby, 8-8	E. Hide	12
19	004	Steady Queenie, J. Rowlands, 8-8	M. Kettle	1
20	02	What a Tiger, G. Hunter, 8-8	J. Lowe	7

3-1 What a Tiger, 4-1 Nimborn, 9-2 Jean Marjorie, 11-2 Trevine, 6-1 Dance Band, 8-1 Siilita, 12-1 Another Sunshine, 14-1 others.

2.30 DANBY STAKES (£848: 1½m)

1	00-0024	Artidefs, D. Ringer, 4-9-7	G. Oldroyd	17
3	000	Cloudless May, D. Doyle, 5-9-7	O. Gray	13
4	0-0	Lord Composer (B), J. Mulhall, 4-9-7	S. Salmon	1
6		Viking Chief, Denys Smith, 4-9-7	P. Tulk	15
7	4-00222	Barny, W. A. Stephenson, 3-8-8	E. Hide	16
8	0000-	Costa Mint, J. Skilling, 3-8-8	J. Higgins	8
10	0-0423	Elbaygo, W. Gray, 3-8-8	E. Apter	3
13	00-00	Jims-Double (B), Hbt. Jones, 3-8-8	J. Reid	5
16	03000-2	Sanzara's Pearl, W. Haigh, 3-8-8	C. Dwyer	2
18	0300-00	The Bleezar, J. A. Turner, 3-8-8	C. Eccleston	11
19	00-4040	Tudor Mansion, I. Walker, 3-8-8	G. Duffield	10
22	000-0	Golden Apple, L. Shedden, 3-8-5	J. Bleasdale 5	14
23	000-00	Kayla, W. Elsey, 3-8-5	J. Lowe	7
26		Priestcroft Star, M. H. Easterby, 3-8-5	M. Birch	6
27	0000-00	Rievaulx Abbey, M. W. Easterby, 3-8-5	J. Seagrave	12
28	044302	*Scatnos, W. Guest, 3-8-5	—	9
30	000303	The God Daughter, T. Craig, 3-8-5	K. Leason	1

3-1 Artidefs, 7-2 Elbaygo, 4-1 Sanzara's Pearl, Tudor Mansion, 11-2 Barny, 10-1 The God Daughter, 14-1 others.

3.0 AYTON STAKES (2-y-o : £980 : 5f)

1	02001	Sarard (D), W. Wharton, 9-4	E. Hide	5
2	241	Scuba (D), R. Houghton, 9-1	J. Reid	4
9	00	Carstairs (B), E. Collingwood, 8-11	S. Woolley 7	3
11	03	Henda, M. H. Easterby, 8-11	T. O'Ryan 5	6
14	20032	Speedometer, M. H. Easterby, 8-11	M. Birch	2
17	042000	Petitt, L. Shedden, 8-8	J. Higgins	1

10-11 Speedometer, 7-2 Scuba, 4-1 Sarard, 12-1 Henda, 16-1 Petitt, 33-1 Carstairs.

3.35 JOHN PLAYER HANDICAP (£3-y-o : £2,427 : 5f)

2	213202-	Geopelia (D), T. Molony, 9-1	P. Madden	2
3	300303	Jameson (D), W. Wharton, 9-0	G. Duffield	4
4	004420	Lady Constance (D), M. Salaman, 8-13	J. Reid	1
6	132201	Goldhills Pride (D), T. Craig, 8-6	K. Leason	3
8	340430	La Raine (B,D), M. Naughton, 7-4	M. Wigham 5	5
9	140000	Robin Brook (D), M. W. Easterby, 7-2	S. Webster 3	6
10	10-0000	Whenby (B,C-D), M. W. Easterby, 7-1	L. Parkes	7

2-1 Goldhills Pride, 11-4 Jameson, 4-1 Lady Constance, 11-2 Geopelia, 10-1 La Raine, 20-1 Robin Brook, Whenby.

4.5 HUNTCLIFFE HANDICAP (£806 : 1¼m)

1	001004	Border River, W. C. Watts, 4-9-7	D. Nicholls 5	1
2	003333	Walk Around, W. Haigh, 5-9-0	C. Dwyer	2
4	340-000	Canicula, W. Gray, 4-8-6	E. Apter	4
5	000-04d	Tudor Lord, T. Craig, 6-7-12	K. Leason	3

6-4 Tudor Lord, 2-1 Border River, 11-4 Walk Around, 8-1 Canicula.

4.30 ESTON HANDICAP (3-y-o : £921 : 1m)

4	40-0112	Let's Dance, Miss S. Hall, 8-9	J. Bleasdale 5	8
7	043-014	Steel City (D), G. Hunter, 8-6	E. Hide	4
8	10-2424	Simple Gifts, Denys Smith, 8-0	L. Charnock 3	7
9	0-00010	Christine Jane (C), T. Fairhurst, 7-10	C. Eccleston	6
11	00-00	Radio Oxford, J. W. Watts, 7-8	J. Lowe	5
12	000300	Mahar, J. Calvert, 7-7	S. Salmon	3
13	0314-04	Supreme Penny (C), M. W. Easterby, 7-7	A. Proud 7	1
15	334331	Rumstar (B,C), W. Gray, 7-0	S. Webster 3	12

11-4 Let's Dance, 7-2 Christine Jane, 4-1 Steel City, 6-1 Simple Gifts, 8-1 Rumstar, Supreme Penny, 12-1 Mahar, 14-1 Radio Oxford.

Redcar selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 What a Tiger. 2.30 Barny. 3.0 Speedometer. 3.35 Goldhills Pride. 4.5 Tudor Lord. 4.30 Let's Dance.

Beverley

2.30 (2.31) SCARBOROUGH STAKES (2-y-o: £845: 5f)
Bronze Princess, b f, by —Blue Warbler (T. Anthony), 8-8 ...... E. Hide (6-4 jt 1
Superior Class .. S. Lates (2
Rocky Boy .. T. Ives (4 jt 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Right 8-1 Jennyjill, 10-1 Joanna Pilgrim Star, 20-1 Evening New.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 13p, 14p; dual forecast, £1.36. Shedden at Wetherby. 1½l, 1l. No official time. There was no bid for the winner.

3.0 (3.3) WHITBY STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £694: 1m)
Coquitos Prince, b c, by Covenant—Princess Belgian Bullet (A Alvarado), 9-0 E. Hide (7 1
Sir Galiva .... T. Ives (5-1) 2
Hell Bent ...... P. Cook (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 True Dixie, Fabrica, 14-1 Liscannor Lass, Jack Somers (4th), 25-1 My 33-1 Highland Spice, Jinky Jim, Pet, Pababe, Candymay, of Hatton, Young May. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 29p; places, 14p, 51p; dual forecast, 71p. B. Hanbury at Newmarket. 3l, ½l.

3.30 (3.31) MASSEY GROUP TROPHY (2-y-o: £2,215: 7f)
Alaskan Prince, b c, by Prince Regent—Polar Polly (Mrs Hudson), 9-1 R. Marshall (10- 1
Swing Bridge P. Cook (8-11 fav) 2
Badsworth Boy .. S. Salmon (5- 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Pink Jet, Bold Hand, 20-1 Nairam (4th), Hit the Deck. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 86p; places, 26p, dual forecast, 64p. W. Marshall, Newmarket. 1½l, 4l.

4.0 (4.01) SKINNER TROPHY HANDICAP (£727: 5f)
Songs First, b m, by Song—Urania (Mrs P. Morley), 5-8-6 A. Crook (11-2) 1
Argo .... C. Moss (2
Indiahira .. E. Hide (11-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Coded Scrap (10-1 Carnival Sovereign, Pre Love, 12-1 Pickwood Sue, Craigellachie, 16-1 Pearl Mink, 25-1 Fingon Raver. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 52p; places, 17p, 12p; dual forecast, 74p. S. Nesbitt at Ripon. 3l, nk.

4.30 (4.30) HORNSEA MERE HANDICAP (£676: 1¼m)
Sally Tudor, b f, by Henry the Seventh—Ballyseedy (V. Matthews), 4-7-9 J. Bleasdale (7 1
Scatnos .... E. Hide (11-2) 2
Drumadell .... M. Wigham (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-8 Old Court, My Wellie (4th), 8-1 Emperor Ghana. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 43p; places, 27p, forecast, £2.96. C. Brittain, market. 3l, nk.

5.0 (5.1) BRIDLINGTON BAY HANDICAP (£714: 2m)
Minstrel Song, b c, by Alcide—Halqu Traubel (D. Lark), 4-9-12 R. Marshall (7-2 jt fav) 1
Lin Slipper .. S. Webster (50-1) 2
Ribble Rouser ... D. Nicholls (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav Only Monkey, 4-1 Broken Cast, 9-2 The Swallows, 14-1 Alcock (4th), Battle, 20-1 Miss Kilo, Regal 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 20p, 70p, 25p; dual forecast, £14. W. C. Marshall at Newmarket. 8l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Alaskan Prince and Sally Tudor, £58.95. TREBLE: Coquitos Prince, Songs First and Minstrel Song, £24.05.

Kempton Park results

2.15 (2.22) LARCH STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,313: 5f)
Alcinea, b f, by Sweet Revenge—Russalka (D. Sasse), 8-11 F. Durr (8-1) 1
Tribal Eye ...... J. Mercer (6-1) 2
Eightpenny .. W. Carson (9-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Careless Flyer (4th), 8-1 Caraqunpa, Jubilani, 12-1 Peach Melba, 16-1 Katie Gay, Sweet Caress, 33-1 Dream Legend, Lusty Lor, Sandy Sue. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 75p; places, 21p, 22p, 11p; dual forecast, £2.18. D. Sasse at Upper Lambourn. ½l, 2l. 1min 59sec.

2.45 (2.48) KENILWORTH HANDICAP (£896: 1m 1f)
Belle Vue, b g, by Truck Spare—Royal Camp (R. Mason), 4-7-11 N. Brannick (8-1) 1
Chop-Chop .. J. Errington (7-1) 2
Jackalla .... M. C. Tam 14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Park Walk, 11-2 Fighting Brave (4th), 13-2 Carnedon, 9-1 Fleur D'Amour, 10-1 Bold Jack, 13-1 Aldie, Early Dawn, 14-1 Baraldi, Lennoxlove, Princess Isabella, 20-1 Doris's Choice. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 90p; places, 32p, 31p, 57p; dual forecast, £4.03. R. Mason at Guisborough. Hd, 1½l. 1min 53.23sec.

3.15 (3.13) ELM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,314: 1m)
Star Prince, ch c, by Realm—Welsh Star (S. Vanian), 8-6 B. Raymond (8-1) 1
Arctic Tribune M. L. Thomas (5-2 fav) 2
Roaming Cloud D. McKay (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Abyssinia (4th), Tudor Sel, 4-1 Reclamation, 25-1 Splendid Summer, K'ang Hsi, Mercy's Girl. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 91p; places, 27p, 16p, 40p; dual forecast, £1.30. M. Jarvis at Newmarket. Sh. hd, 2½l. 1min 38.21sec.

3.45 (3.56) WILLOW STAKES (2-y-o c and g: £1,345: 6f)
Persian Bold, br c, by Bold Lad—Relkarunner (R. Vahabzadeh), 9-0 ...... L. Piggott (4-5 fav) 1
Even Par ...... D. McKay (50-1) 2
June King ...... J. Mercer (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Grande Armee, 10-1 Brueghel, 16-1 Spanish Issue, 25-1 Helmsley, 33-1 Great Gino, Hideaway, Mattock, Royal Love, 50-1 BMC Special, Burglar Bill, Gold Song (4th), Huggy Bear, Machismo. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 16p; places, 12p, 50p, 20p; dual forecast, £3.62. A. Ingham at Epsom. Sl. 1½l. 1min 12.47sec. Master Craftsman did not run.

4.15 (4.20) OAK HANDICAP (£1,266: 1½m)
Lucky Mickmooch, b c, by Blakeney—Lucky Jamie (Mrs E. Harrison), 4-9-0 .. L. Piggott (10-11 fav) 1
Arctic Rascal .... D. McKay (6-1) 2
Tiran ...... W. Carson (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Calibration, 20-1 Welsh Relic, 20-1 Comet Kohoutek (4th). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 21p, 21p; dual forecast, 31p. J. Winter at Newmarket. ½l, 8l. 2min [illegible]

4.45 (4.48) POPLAR STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £1,156: 1m)
Orange Squash, ch f, by Red God—Alanda (J. Haverhals), 8-11 L. Piggott (2-5) 1
White Lancer, P. Waldron (7-1) 2
Great Escape .. G. Starkey (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Haco, 9-1 Loyal Dyed, 14-1 Carpet Royale, Hosts High Flyer (f/up), 20-1 Hora Roquie (4th), Dark Night, Donna Do, Munton Cross, Perfect Fit, Bathmatar, 33-1 Another Chapter, Cherville Cavalier, Jabez Pal, More Friendly, Tretean, Bridget, The Midget, Halbull, Satirical, Tix Polly. 23 ran.
TOTE: Win, 57p; places, 20p, 25p, 21p; dual forecast, £1.50. B. Hanbury at Newmarket. ½l, 2l. 1min 40.8sec. Request Imp did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Star Prince and Lucky Mickmooch: £15.55. TREBLE: Belle Vue, Persian Bold and Orange Squash: £60.35. JACKPOT: £475.45.

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well timed boost for Brearley

Woodcock
rrespondent

TER: England beat y nine wickets in the st match.

ngland had won the t match at Old Trafford Michael Brearley was lead them for the test s. With Amiss, he had ast. conclusive rlag to victory by sharing an rtnership of 74 towards were needed.

s an English victory, at t home, longer overdue. Test matches, against Australia and West l passed without one. Of ous 13 Test matches stralia only one—at Mel- February 1975—had been ngland. Of England's 41 inst Australia since the ngland, they have now , a meagre one in five. sult provides a timely Brearley. Having come ptaincy in a manner he ver have chosen, he is y to proving that he is Though lacking Greg's Brearley is the more practitioner of the two, showed yesterday he is terms with the playing test bowling.

vers from Thomson early were as hostile as any has bowled in England, r or his last. They were the Thomson of 1974-7, Lillee, so shattered th atting in Australia. nly the fastest bowlin n since Holding took 1 ickets in the fifth Tes

orecard

LIA: 297 (K. D. Walters iller 2 for 18) and 218 appell 112; D. L. Under 66)

ND: First Innings, 437 (R. A. 37, D. W. Randall 79, A. 6)

Second Innings
ss, not out 28
Brearley, c Walters, b .. 44
rder, not out 0
b 3, nb 7) 10
al (1 wkt) 82
Randall, A. W. Greig, A. P. G. Miller, C. M. Old, J. K. L. Underwood and R. G. D. not bat.
F WICKETS: 1—75.
G: Thomson, 8—2—24—0; —0—17—0; O'Keeffe, 9.1— ; Bright, 5—2—6—0.
: W. E. Alley and T. W.

TEST: Match drawn.
TEST: July 28, at Notting-
TEST: August 11, at Leeds.
TEST: August 25, at the

match last August and there was more lift in the pitch at Old Trafford than there was then at the Oval.

It was, in fact, the bounce, and its consistency which enabled Brearley to play Thomson as he did—by swaying out of the line of anything in the least bit short and leaving it alone, even if it was straight. Several balls he chose not to play went over his stumps. This is an example of Brearley's analytical approach to batting. Watching the ball whistling past him, the precaution he has taken of reinforcing his cap seemed well justified.

The fact that Amiss, to his more obvious discomfort, stayed until the match was won may persuade the selectors to retain him. With Boycott as the third man in this opening triangle it is one that has to be carefully thought about. It is a human issue as much as a technical one. The third Test, at Trent Bridge, starts on July 28, with the England side due to be announced four days earlier.

What this last Test match showed, as much as the insecurity of Australia's batting, was the extent to which they miss Lillee. Even when Thomson is making the batsmen hop they can comfort themselves with the knowledge that the next over will contain nothing as torrid. With Lillee and Thomson in action together there was no such let-up. That is what proved so killing, even to West Indies with their great wealth of batting.

The pitch at Old Trafford was another which almost everyone got wrong—a case of mistaken diagnosis. If the Australians had known how it was to play they would, I am sure, have had Pascoe in their side. He is not a Lillee, but he would have kept England under greater pressure than Bright. Pascoe, Hughes and Cosier may all be in the next Australian side.

England, as things turned out, got it right by including Miller. The three wickets he took were all badly needed: he accounted for Walters when he was 88, Marsh when he was 36 and Hookes when he was 28. He will seldom get a better mag than that in 19 overs against Australia, for 42 runs on a good enough pitch. Miller and all the others are to be congratulated on their success, and to be warned that the Australians are not at all pleased. Thomson's few overs yesterday were proof of that.

Amiss takes evasive action from Jeff Thomson yesterday.

Greg Chappell, the Australian captain, said later: "Our application was faulty. You have got to give it all you have got for five days in a Test and we did not. There were a number of unforced errors by the batsmen and it seemed that we were not desperate enough to want to save the match."

Tony Greig, the deposed England captain, has been invited to appear before the disciplinary sub-committee of the Test and County Cricket Board early next week to discuss an article by Greig in a daily newspaper which criticized the Old Trafford pitch on the first day of the second Test.

Teasing target just beyond Middlesex

By Alan Gibson

SOUTHEND: Essex (3 points) drew with Middlesex (6 points).

It was quite an exciting finish, because if Middlesex had scored seven runs off the last ball they would have won, but it always seemed likely that the game would end in a draw. Essex were the more relieved when that last ball was safely bowled, though there had been moments, earlier in the day, when they must have felt that an unexpected and notable victory was within their grasp.

Overnight, Essex had been 154 for three, in their second innings, still 14 runs behind. They batted with a judicious mixture of adventure and care. Fletcher held one end, though he never disdained a stroke when he saw an opportunity. He was there to save the match, if the possibility of winning it departed. At the other end, his batsmen were permitted more liberty, and made more mistakes.

Gooch was fourth out, at 181; Denness fifth out, second ball after lunch, at 251, both with aggressive intentions. Pont was bowled at 281 by Emburey, who had a useful spell, and when the fast bowlers were summoned again Daniel yorked Turner: 309 for seven.

However, by this time, Fletcher was well in. Daniel made him bob about with the occasional short ball, but did not otherwise much bother him. Fletcher reached his 100, made out of 248 while he was at the wicket, when the total was 344. He then had a quick bang, and declared.

Middlesex had begun to look as though they were waiting for a declaration, though they had no right to expect one, since they had batted on for a long lead in the first innings, in the hope of bowling Essex out quickly as the pitch broke up, which it manifested outward and visible signs of doing.

But the pitch at Southend, like the pier, has a disconcerting habit of survival. Forty years ago I was warned by a Sunday school teacher that it was dangerous to swim near Southend Pier, because it might fall on your head at any time. Yesterday morning I saw a cheerful little train thundering along it. On Monday morning I was told by an Essex man that the game would be over by tea, so bad was the pitch. But on the last two days only 20 wickets fell, and nearly all of them because the batsmen were chasing runs.

Fletcher's innings was not one of his more dramatic or powerful, but exactly right for its purpose. His declaration set Middlesex to score 187 in 135 minutes. It was a well judged declaration. It looked hard at the time, but he knew that Middlesex, the championship in mind, would be bound to have a go.

The first wicket fell promptly. Then Smith was run out, a muddle between the batsmen and a good throw, the score 32. Barlow should have been out almost as soon as he came in. Meyer, the umpire, had his finger firmly up, until he realized the catch had been less effective than the appeal. This was an unfortunate slip by Essex, as Barlow proceeded to bat very well.

With an hour to go Middlesex needed 103, with three wickets down. They lost their fourth in the third over of the last 20 and lost them regularly thereafter. They still had a chance when, with 10 overs left, they needed 66. But Barlow was stumped and, of the others, only Edmonds played much of an innings. He was still there when Middlesex needed 24 in the last two overs, eight wickets down.

ESSEX: First Innings: 130 (B. R. Hardie 50; M. W. W. Selvey 5 for 57, P. H. Edmonds 3 for 12, J. E. Emburey 2 for 14).

Second Innings
B. R. Hardie, l-b-w, b Selvey .. 47
M. K. Fosh, b Featherstone .. 52
K. S. McEwan, c Emburey, b Featherstone .. 0
*K. W. R. Fletcher, c Emburey, b Gatting .. 103
G. A. Gooch, c Smith, b Selvey 27
M. H. Denness, c Edmonds, b Emburey .. 30
K. R. Pont, b Emburey .. 15
S. Turner, b Daniel .. 21
R. E. East, not out .. 14
Extras (b 20, lb 9, w 1, nb 5) 35
Total (8 wkts dec) .. 344
†N. Smith and D. L. Acfield did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—96, 2—96, 3—116, 4—181, 5—251, 6—281, 7—309, 8—344.

BOWLING: Daniel, 24—6—61—1; Selvey, 35—[illegible]—105—2; Edmonds, 21—8—45—0; Featherstone, 17—9—37—2; Emburey, 20—6—51—2; Gatting, 5—1—17—1.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings, 298 (N. G. Featherstone 65).

Second Innings
*M. J. Smith, run out .. 18
N. P. D. Ross, l-b-w, b Turner 0
G. D. Barlow, st Smith, b Acfield 57
C. T. Radley, c Denness, b Turner 19
N. G. Featherstone, b Acfield .. 10
M. W. Gatting, b Turner .. 9
P. H. Edmonds, not out .. 34
†I. J. Gould, l-b-w, b Turner .. 7
J. E. Emburey, c East, b Turner 6
M. W. W. Selvey, not out .. 6
Extras (b 9, l-b 3, n-b 5) .. 17
Total (8 wkts) .. 181
W. W. Daniel did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—32, 3—65, 4—93, 5—111, 6—134, 7—149, 8—159.

BOWLING: Turner, 20—1—92—5; Pont, 1—0—3—0; Acfield, 20—2—69—2.

Umpires: B. J. Meyer and J. F. Crapp.

Athletics

Chance for Britons to gain glory in the field

By Cliff Temple
Athletics Correspondent

The jumpers and throwers of British athletics, who often complain they are overlooked, have their chance to step into the sun at Crystal Palace next Saturday and Sunday, when Britain will be fighting for every point in the European Cup men's semi-final match, which is sponsored by the Guardian Royal Exchange. The field events athletes had to shoulder a considerable portion of the blame for Britain's three-point international defeat in Finland last weekend when they obtained just 31 out of a possible 64 points, compared to the 79 out of 98 gained by the trackmen.

The situation is that Britain have to finish in the first two of the eight participating nations this weekend to qualify direct for the final in Helsinki on August 13 and 14. But with the Soviet Union among them, it probably means that Britain will have to concentrate on finishing ahead of their nearest rivals, France, to clinch second place. Though the French track runners are perhaps just a shade inferior overall to the British, the eight field events will hold the balance.

Of these, the leading Briton this summer has a better performance than his French counterpart in only two: the shot and the hammer, where Geoffrey Capes and Christopher Black can hope to finish ahead of the French. In two other events, the discus and javelin, the British deficits are slight enough to be closed, and on a good day for us even the long jump and triple jump could go our way in relation to France.

The two events where the French look set to score over us are the high jump and pole vault. France's Franck Bonnet has high jumped 7ft 3½in this season, compared to Michael Butterfield's best of 6ft 10½in, and in the pole vault Jean-Michel Bellot, who was seventh at the Montreal Olympics, has set a French national record of 18ft 0½in this year, whereas the British record holder, Brian Hooper, has cleared only 17ft 0½in.

But nothing in athletics is certain, and officials of the British Board were hinting at yesterday's press conference that there may yet be changes in their team for certain events. Some of these will be necessary because of injury, with Alan Pascoe still in doubt for the 400 metres hurdles, and the sprinter, Ainsley Bennett, waiting to see if the ankle he twisted in Oulu on Sunday will heal quickly enough, but one or two purely tactical changes are possible.

Of the seven visiting teams, most of whom arrive on Friday, one of the biggest surprises is that Eamonn Coghlan, who ran 3min 53.4sec for the mile behind John Walker in Dublin on Monday night, is nominated by the Republic of Ireland only for the 800 metres, with Raymond Flynn taking on the 1,500 metres.

For the Belgians, Emiel Puttemans tackles the 5,000 (at which he has just lost the world record) and the 10,000 metres. The Soviet Union have not nominated their 18-year-old protégé, Vladimir Yashenko, who this month set a world record in the high jump of 7ft 7¾in. Instead they have chosen the former European record holder, Aleksander Grigoryev, whose best of 7ft 6¼in should be more than necessary to win the event.

Ian Stewart has withdrawn from the European Cup, and his sister, Mary, may have to make the same decision today. Stewart, picked to run the 10,000 metres, has contracted a virus which has badly affected his training over the past two weeks. His sister, due to run 1,500 metres in the women's match in Dublin on Sunday, has complained of similar early symptoms. "If Mary is not better by tomorrow's training session she will drop out," the coach, Geoffrey James, said yesterday. "It would be very bad luck for her, but it would not be fair on the team or the other athlete who is standing by."

Ian Stewart has shown good form this season, including winning the United Kingdom 10,000 metres closed title in 27 mins 51.3 sec early in June, but Britain have a world-class replacement in Tony Simmons. Simmons, fourth in 27 min 43.59 sec when Samson Kimombwa, of Kenya, broke the world record in Helsinki recently, said: "I am sorry that Ian has had to pull out because of illness, but it has given me the chance I wanted and I am as fit as I have ever been."

otham shows Somerset how

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GHAM: Somerset (9 beat Warwickshire (six) 9 ickets.

set deserved their success y even though they made work of the closing stages hey should have one. out a cold overcast day baston there were only moments when the advan- lay in Warwickshire's n.

wickets fell with 29 when Somerset set out to 148 to win in 95 minutes overs. Both but orthodox by Botham, whose 59 took utes, restored the perspec- Somerset. There were 100 otham was fourth out as hour began. They finally h 11 balls to spare, owing or the second time in the to Taylor's col head.

es to Brown and Rouse absence of Willis inevit- k the cutting edge from shire's new ball attack for h. Bourne and Hopkins, year-old local league , hardly carried the same Rose, however, dislodged playing back; Richards, Monday scored the fastest hundred, mistimed to mid-o before he had d Kitchen drove loosely tswinger could not be held in long and massive sixes leg and long off against in the same over were ent strokes. Hopkins e edge of his bat in the end and, with Close palpably out of touch, the tension never dropped.

Denning, who was twice missed, was bowled when Hemmings became the first spinner used all day and then Close and Taylor inched their way through 11 overs. Close had just hit Hemmings for six over long on when he was bowled behind his legs and Dredge was run out before Somerset were home.

Gurr, now available regularly after the university season, took five wickets earlier as the Warwickshire batsmen rather fell between two stools. They had to score runs quickly and they had to score plentifully to have any chance of winning themselves. A balance between haste and discretion was never found and Somerset tightened their grip steadily as the wickets fell at regular intervals.

Warwickshire resumed at 20 without loss and it was noon before their first innings deficit of 66 had been cleared. By then Smith had been leg before to Gurr's second ball of the day and Abberley had survived two chances to the slips before finally being held in the same place. Moseley delivered a good ball which cut back sharply to dismiss Whitehouse at 71, but Kallicharran and Humpage at last suggested Warwickshire might be on the right rails. These two added 78 for the fourth wicket in 50 minutes with Humpage very much the dominant partner.

Humpage, who was missed by Close from a difficult chance at short leg when he was 25, struck the ball bravely and deserved one piece of luck. He was run out by a fine throw by Richards at 149 and Warwickshire were soon back in the tunnel.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings, 294 for 9 (A. Lloyd 70, G. W. Humpage, 65; I. T. Botham 6 for 76).

Second Innings
R. N. Abberley, c Denning, b Moseley 28
K. D. Smith, l-b-w, b Gurr .. 4
J. Whitehouse, l-b-w, b Moseley 13
A. I. Kallicharran, c Dredge, b Botham 44
†G. W. Humpage, run out .. 48
A. Lloyd, not out 27
*R. B. Kanhai, b Dredge .. 0
E. E. Hemmings, b Gurr .. 11
W. A. Bourne, c Taylor, b Gurr 0
S. P. Perryman, c Taylor, b Gurr 9
D. Hopkins, c Taylor, b Gurr 10
Extras (b 4, l-b 2, w 9, n-b 4) 19
Total 213

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—20, 2—58, 3—71, 4—149, 5—161, 6—161, 7—177, 8—177, 9—191, 10—213.

BOWLING: Botham, 21—3—74—1; Gurr, 19.1—3—60—5; Moseley, 10—1—33—2; Dredge, 9—1—27—1.

SOMERSET: First Innings, 360 for 8 (I. V. A. Richards 101, D. J. S. Taylor 84 not out, P. W. Denning 66).

Second Innings
P. W. Denning, b Hemmings .. 36
B. C. Rose, hit wkt, b Bourne 1
I. V. A. Richards, c Perryman, b Hopkins 0
M. J. Kitchen, c Humpage, b Bourne 8
I. T. Botham, c Humpage, b Hopkins 59
*D. B. Close, b Hopkins .. 20
†D. J. S. Taylor, not out .. 17
C. H. Dredge, run out .. 0
D. Breakwell, not out .. 2
Extras (l-b 3, w 2) .. 5
Total (7 wkts) 148
D. Gurr and H. R. Moseley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—2, 2—13, 3—29, 4—100, 5—109, 6—138, 7—143.

BOWLING: Bourne, 8—0—34—2; Hopkins, 17—1—70—3; Perryman, 10—2—37—0; Hemmings, 12.1—3—33—1.

Umpires: P. B. Wight and D. J. Halfyard.

Here's to another hundred: Fred Titmus (left), the Surrey coach, and Alf Gover, the chairman, toast John Edrich after his hundredth century yesterday at the Oval.

Edrich's milestone highlights tame draw

THE OVAL: Surrey (4 pts) drew with Derbyshire (4).

John Edrich joined the illustrious group of 16 cricketers who have scored a hundred centuries in first-class cricket with an unbeaten 101 against Derbyshire. Edrich is 39 and has had 22 seasons to reach the target.

Edrich's personal milestone was the highlight of a tame draw as Surrey found Derbyshire's target of 321 in three hours far beyond their reach.

If Barlow's declaration seemed a tough one, it was easy to understand his predicament. The bowlers Hendrick and Swarbrook were unable to field in the second innings and by the time Edrich was moving towards his century, Barlow had turned to his occasional bowlers.

Edrich moved from 88 to 97 after facing an over of gentle leg breaks by Morris and then square cut a four off Hill to reach three figures.

The target never seemed within Surrey's reach in spite of early knocks of brief aggression by Butcher (19) and Roope, who passed 1,000 runs for the season in scoring 27.

A century by Harvey-Walker was the mainstay of the Derbyshire second innings of 256. He featured in stands of 56 with Hill, who made a solid 68 and 49 with Taylor.

Edrich is the 17th player in the history of the game to reach the mark. Edrich, who has come agonizingly close to the coveted figure on several occasions this season, reached three figures in 152 minutes and hit 11 fours. He is the fourth Surrey batsman to complete the hundred, after Hobbs, Sandham and Hayward.

The last player to complete a hundred hundreds was Cowdrey in 1973. The next looks like being Boycott, of Yorkshire, who hit the 97th hundred of his career against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge yesterday.

Below is a table of those who have made a hundred centuries.

Name	Year Achieved	Age	Innings Needed	Years Played	Career 100's
W. G. Grace (Gloucestershire)	1895	46	1,113	30	126
T. Hayward (Surrey)	1913	42	1,076	21	104
J. B. Hobbs (Surrey)	1923	40	821	19	197
C. P. Mead (Hampshire)	1927	40	892	23	153
E. H. Hendren (Middlesex)	1928-29	39	740	22	170
F. E. Woolley (Kent)	1929	42	1,031	24	145
H. Sutcliffe (Yorkshire)	1932	37	700	14	149
E. Tyldesley (Lancashire)	1934	45	919	26	102
W. R. Hammond (Gloucestershire)	1935	32	679	15	167
A. Sandham (Surrey)	1935	44	871	25	107
D. G. Bradman (NSW/S Australia)	1947-48	39	295	20	117
L. E. G. Ames (Kent)	1950	44	915	25	102
L. Hutton (Yorkshire)	1951	35	619	18	129
D. C. S. Compton (Middlesex)	1952	34	552	17	123
T. W. Graveney (Glos/Worcs)	1964	37	940	17	122
M. C. Cowdrey (Kent)	1973	40	1,035	24	107

Masterly Boycott stuns Nottinghamshire

Nottingham

Geoffrey Boycott led Yorkshire to a remarkable victory over Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge with just 10 balls left. Boycott, anxious to regain his Test place, struck a masterful 154 before being run out

Yorkshire needed 131 off the final 20 overs with nine wickets left, but 40 came off the first five and after Sidebottom (57 not out) joined Boycott in a rousing stand that added 77 in 10 overs, Yorkshire were sure of victory.

Southampton

Sussex, set the unrealistic target of scoring 330 in three hours, batted out time at Southampton where the match ended tamely in a draw. Hampshire, who appeared to bat too long in their second innings before declaring, provided the day's entertainment, however, with splendid innings from Richards, who reached his 100 in 103 minutes hitting three sixes and 14 fours, and Jesty, whose 109 took him 135 minutes and contained 20 fours. Hampshire took eight points and Sussex five.

Leicester

Kent failed to improve their third position in the championship table when they collected only eight points from a drawn match with Leicester at Grace Road. Leicestershire, set the stiff task of scoring 290 for victory in three and a half hours, could only reach 190 for four at the close despite an unbeaten 89 from Balderstone.

Kent had looked in with a chance at one stage, with Shepherd taking three quick wickets as Leicestershire slid to 106 for four. But no further wickets were lost as Balderstone and Tolchard (30 not out) put on an unbroken stand of 84 for the fifth wicket.

y v Derbyshire

AT THE OVAL

pts drew with Derbyshire

SHIRE: First Innings, 315 for eight dec (A. Hill 77, R. J. 51 not out)

Second Innings
igh, l-b-w, b Baker .. 8
Pocock 68
arie, c and b Needham 14
rington, b Needham .. 13
right, b Needham .. 0
ey-Walker, not out .. 101
Younis, b Pocock .. 0
ylor, c Roope, b Pocock 21
nicliffe, c Baker, b .. 13
rbrook, not out .. 2
(b 2, l-b 7, n-b 8) .. 17
(8 wkts dec) .. 256
drick did not bat.

F WICKETS: 1—17, 2—56, —95, 5—151, 6—151, 7— 225.

NG: Baker, 13—3—45—1; —1—50—0; Pocock, 23.5— Needham, 34—12—65—3; 4—1—13—0; Younis, 1—0

: First Innings, 251 for 6 R. J. Roope 104, R. D. 53 not out)

Second Innings
rich, not out .. 101
tcher, c sub, b Barlow 19
Roope, b Barlow 27
hmed, c and b Harvey- 21
arth, not out .. 5
(l-b 6, w 1) .. 7
(5 wkts) .. 180

Skinner, P. I. Pocock, R. D. R. P. Baker, A. Needham Mack did not bat.

F WICKETS: 1—39, 2—82.

G: Tunnicliffe, 8—0—35—0; 8—2—10—0; Barlow, —2; Harvey-Walker, 17—1— ll, 2.2—0—10—0; Morris, 0.

: D. O. Oslear and P. Rock-

v Yorkshire

AT NOTTINGHAM

(16 pts) beat Nottinghamshire by 5 wickets.

HAMSHIRE: First Innings, 8) R. A. White 90).

Second Innings
c Sidebottom, b Cooper 0
nson, not out .. 106
rnley, not out .. 130
l-b 1, w 1, n-b 5) .. 7
(1 wkt dec) .. 243

Harris, C. E. B. Rice, B. A. White, P. A. Wilkinson, ker, D. R. Doshi and †B l not bat.

F WICKETS: 1—0.

NG: Cooper, 20—6—54—1, 18—2—48—0; Carrick, 3—0; Bore, 9—3—39—0.

HIRE: First Innings, 200 airstow 65; C. E. B. Rice

Second Innings
tt, run out .. 154
ker, c Harris, b Wilkin- .. 71
b Hacker .. 7
e, c Rice, b Hacker .. 8
th, c Hassan, b Doshi .. 10
ttom, not out .. 57
Bairstow, not out .. 4
s (b 1, lb 7, nb 4) .. 12
al (5 wkts) .. 323

ick, H. P. Cooper, A. L. and M. K. Bore did not

OF WICKETS: 1—176, 2— 205, 4—232, 5—309.

NG: Rice, 14.2—3—40—0; 9—2—79—2; Wilkinson, 24 —1; Doshi, 27—9—86—1.

: W. L. Budd and A. Jepson.

Hampshire v Sussex

AT SOUTHAMPTON

Hampshire (8 pts) drew with Sussex (5).

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings, 301 for 6 (D. J. Rock 91, N. G. Cowley 71 not out; T. E. Jesty 65).

Second Innings
B. A. Richards, c Parker, b Barclay 100
D. J. Rock, c Barclay, b Knight 8
J. M. Rice, c Graves, b Knight 9
T. E. Jesty, c Parker, b Waller 109
N. G. Cowley, c Knight, b Waller 8
N. E. J. Pocock, not out .. 46
Extras (b 1, l-b 10, n-b 2) 13
Total (6 wkts dec) .. 293
M. N. S. Taylor, *†G. R. Stephenson, D. R. Turner, A. M. E. Roberts and J. W. Southern did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—20, 2—69, 3—143, 4—180, 5—293.

BOWLING: Spencer, 9—0—27—0; Snow, 7—0—22—0; Knight, 12—2—35—2; Miandad, 10—4—37—0; Buss, 2—0—17—0; Waller, 14—1—98—2; Barclay, 15—2—44—1.

SUSSEX: First Innings, 265 for 9 (P. W. G. Parker 110 not out).

Second Innings
J. R. T. Barclay, not out .. 50
*P. J. Graves, l-b-w, b Jesty .. 0
R. D. V. Knight, c Richards, b Taylor 24
Javed Miandad, not out .. 34
Extras (b 4, w 2, nb 3) .. 9
Total (2 wkts) .. 117
M. A. Buss, P. W. G. Parker, G. D. Mendis, J. A. Snow, †A. Long, J. Spencer and C. E. Waller did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—10, 2—46.

BOWLING: Roberts, 3—2—1—0; Jesty, 10—1—32—1; Taylor, 6—1—18—1; Cowley, 14—5—16—0; Southern, 17—8—35—0; Pocock, 5—3—6—0.

Umpires: R. Aspinall and D. L. Evans.

Worcester v Northants

AT WORCESTER

Northamptonshire (18 pts) beat Worcestershire (3), by 4 wickets.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 149 (B. J. Griffiths 5 for 69)

Second Innings
B. J. R. Jones, c Larkins, b Hodgson 8
G. M. Turner, retired hurt .. 34
P. A. Neale, c Sharp, b Hodgson 5
E. J. O. Hemsley b Hodgson .. 1
B. L. D'Oliveira, b Willey .. 84
S. P. Henderson, b Mushtaq .. 52
†D. J. Humphries, c Mushtaq, b Bedi 6
*N. Gifford, c Cook, b Willey .. 14
J. D. Inchmore, b Bedi .. 33
J. Cumbes, not out .. 10
A. P. Pridgeon, b Willey .. 0
Extras (b 3 l-b 9) .. 12
Total 256

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—30, 2—44, 3—48, 4—157, 5—195, 6—203, 7—240, 8—248, 9—256, 10—256.

BOWLING: Hodgson, 15—1—48—3; Griffiths, 14—3—53—0; Bedi, 34—11—59—2; Willey, 35.3—11—74—3; Mushtaq, 13—6—30—1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings, 225 (R. T. Virgin 107; J. Cumbes 4 for 44).

Second Innings
R. T. Virgin, l-b-w, b Gifford .. 27
G. Cook, b D'Oliveira .. 67
D. S. Steele, b Gifford .. 1
*Mushtaq Mohammad, not out 63
P. Willey, b Gifford .. 3
W. Larkins, c and b Gifford .. 1
R. G. Williams, c Humphries, b Gifford 4
†G. Sharp, not out .. 8
Extras (l-b 9, n-b 1) .. 10
Total (6 wkts) .. 184
B. J. Griffiths, A. Hodgson and B. S. Bedi did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—66, 2—74, 3—131, 4—142, 5—148, 6—160.

BOWLING: Cumbes, 7—0—13—0; Inchmore, 4—0—17—0; Gifford, 30—7—61—5; Pridgeon, 9—0—36—0; D'Oliveira, 20—3—44—1.

Umpires: H. D. Bird and W. E. Phillipson.

Leicestershire v Kent

AT LEICESTER

Leicestershire (6 pts) drew with Kent (8).

KENT: First Innings, 305 for 7 (E. S. Clinton 88).

Second Innings
C. S. Cowdrey, c Tolchard, b Higgs 9
G. S. Clinton, c Tolchard, b Balderstone 48
C. J. C. Rowe, c Tolchard, b Steele 61
*Asif Iqbal, c Tolchard, b Balderstone 16
A. G. E. Ealham, l-b-w, b Balderstone 17
C. J. Tavaré, l-b-w, b Birkenshaw 17
G. W. Johnson, not out .. 58
B. D. Julien, c Balderstone, b Ward 46
Extras (b 6, n-b 3) .. 9
Total (7 wkts dec) .. 281
J. N. Shepherd, †P. R. Downton and K. B. S. Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—13, 2—117, 3—137, 4—137, 5—157, 6—212, 7—281.

BOWLING: Higgs, 9—1—66—1; Ward, 10.1—0—50—1; Clift, 11—3—32—0; Birkenshaw, 21—2—63—1; Illingworth, 3—1—6—0; Balderstone, 29—10—48—3; Steele, 17—8—31—1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 295 for 9 (N. E. Briers 56, B. F. Davison 50; G. W. Johnson 5 for 77).

Second Innings
N. E. Briers, l-b-w, b Shepherd 44
J. F. Steele, b Julien .. 5
J. C. Balderstone, not out .. 89
B. F. Davison, c Johnson, b Shepherd 8
D. I. Gower, b Shepherd .. 3
†R. W. Tolchard, not out .. 30
Extras (b 7, l-b 5, w 2, n-b 1) 15
Total (4 wkts) .. 190
*R. Illingworth, J. Birkenshaw, P. B. Clift, A. Ward and K. Higgs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—13, 2—94, 3—102, 4—106.

BOWLING: Julien, 17—4—51—1; Asif, 5—1—14—0; Johnson, 17—5—40—0; Shepherd, 14—1—44—3; Rowe, 11—3—23—0.

Umpires: T. F. Brooks and D. J. Constant.

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Btg	Blg	Pts
Middlesex (1)	12	5	2	5	26	37	125
Somerset (7)	13	4	1	8	32	41	121
Glouce (3)	11	5	3	3	21	36	117
Kent (14)	11	4	1	6	31	36	115
Northants (2)	12	4	3	5	23	39	111
Yorkshire (8)	12	5	0	7	17	34	111
Warwicks (5)	13	2	5	6	41	41	106
Surrey (9)	13	3	4	6	27	33	96
Essex (6)	12	3	3	6	25	31	[illegible]
Sussex (10)	12	3	3	6	[illegible]	31	92
Hmpshr (12)	12	2	3	7	[illegible]	32	88
Leicester (4)	12	2	2	8	24	38	86
Worcs (11)	13	3	6	4	17	30	83
Glam (17)	11	2	3	6	16	30	70
Derby (15)	12	1	2	9	19	33	63
Lancs (16)	12	1	2	9	21	26	59
Notts (13)	12	0	6	6	19	37	56

1976 positions in brackets.

Today's cricket

GILLETTE CUP: Second round (11.0 60 overs).
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Surrey.
SOUTHEND: Essex v Leicestershire.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Yorkshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Warwickshire.
TAUNTON: Somerset v Northumberland.
HOVE: Sussex v Derbyshire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Glamorgan.

SECOND XI COMPETITION
BUNBURY: Surrey II v Yorkshire II.
BEXHILL: Sussex II v Kent II.

Leading first class averages

Batting

	Inns	Not Out	Runs	Highest Inns	Avge
I. V. A. Richards	25	2	1671	241*	72.66
R. A. Woolmer	16	3	871	137	67.00
G. Boycott	18	5	[illegible]	154	64.53
A. I. Kallicharran	18	4	850	149	60.71
K. S. McEwan	23	3	1175	218	58.75
G. S. Chappell	16	2	811	113	57.92
F. C. Hayes	14	1	710	157*	54.61
G. R. J. Roope	22	3	1007	115	53.00
G. M. Turner	22	[illegible]	[illegible]	153	[illegible]
C. G. Greenidge	19	2	850	208*	50.00
D. L. Amiss	15	2	639	162*	49.15
B. L. D'Oliveira	20	3	817	156*	48.05
K. C. Wessels	17	3	665	138*	[illegible]
J. M. Brearley	18	2	755	152	47.18
B. A. Richards	16	2	659	115	47.07
P. W. Denning	14	1	604	109	46.46
J. C. Balderstone	23	5	836	100*	46.44
K. W. R. Fletcher	23	4	881	103	46.36
D. Lloyd	18	4	642	119*	45.85
J. H. Edrich	21	4	771	101*	45.35
Asif Iqbal	16	1	650	116	[illegible]
J. Whitehouse	22	4	780	158*	43.33
A. Hill	19	3	689	90	43.06
R. B. Kanhai	18	3	639	176	42.60
A. G. E. Ealham	16	2	590	91	42.14
C. S. Serjeant	15	1	589	159	42.07
T. E. Jesty	20	1	780	136	41.05

*Not out.

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avge
M. Hendrick	294.4	101	548	37	14.81
M. J. Procter	399.3	145	891	55	16.20
W. W. Daniel	318	86	763	47	16.23
K. Shuttleworth	229.5	48	617	36	17.13
R. J. Bright	180.1	60	445	25	17.80
B. M. Brain	350.1	89	929	51	18.21
D. J. Brown	282.3	52	822	45	18.26
M. W. W. Selvey	379.4	96	951	52	18.28
J. N. Shepherd	371.4	105	868	47	18.46
L. S. Pascoe	176	40	488	25	19.52
A. L. Robinson	323.1	103	692	33	20.96
J. Simmons	337.1	103	717	34	21.08
Sarfraz Nawaz	267	69	772	36	21.44
I. T. Botham	600.5	124	1533	71	21.59
D. Gurr	262	59	742	34	21.82
S. Turner	507	126	1214	55	22.07
N. Gifford	340.2	103	759	34	22.32
G. B. Stevenson	339.2	85	1011	45	22.46
J. Spencer	319.5	101	844	37	22.81
K. B. S. Jarvis	284.2	76	829	36	23.02
R. D. Jackman	366.1	67	1090	47	23.19
V. A. Holder	298	64	821	35	23.45
G. Miller	344	112	824	35	23.54
D. A. Graveney	295.2	93	802	34	23.58

Equestrianism

Tauna Dora speeds home on her home ground

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Graham Fletcher and Tauna Dora, performing on their home ground, won the Great Yorkshire championship, sponsored by the Midland Bank, at the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate yesterday. He also rode Double Brandy into fourth place.

Tauna Dora, who is as genuine as they come and surprisingly fast for her size and bulk, snatching the lead from Michael Whitaker on Brother Scot, got her nose in front by 0.9 of a second, and kept it there, despite a strong challenge from David Broome, who finished third on Heatwave. Harvey Smith was not among the six to qualify for the barrage over Major Reg Whitehead's fences, strategically positioned by Alan Oliver.

David Nicholson, the National Hunt trainer, came north to judge the middle and heavyweight hunters which occupied the main ring all morning, alternately with John Fowler from co. Meath, a three-day event rider of repute. He put Mrs Nigel Pease to head the novice lightweights with Miss Mouse, a six-year-old black mare by Barbin, and reinforced the opinion of Thady Ryan at last week's Royal in selecting David Tatlow with Bunowen, an Irish horse by Seven Bells, to lead the open lightweight. Finally he gave last year's led champion at Dublin, Hi-Jacker, now owned by Mr Hunnable, the laurels among the four-year-olds.

Nicholson awarded the novice heavyweight class to David Tatlow on Mr Appleyard's bay four-year-old Danganelly, bought last year in Dublin and sold recently to the Netherlands. This was at the expense of Mrs Hugh Gingell, Master of the Cambridgeshire Harriers, with Blake's Reach, another Irish horse by Blue Cliff, who is being brought on slowly and given time to grow to his great frame. Vincent Toulson's Paris, top middleweight at the Royal, dropped back to third place here below these two young horses.

Toulson won the heavyweight on Mastermind, but this five-year-old did not figure in the championship. Now each judge had to ride the other's winners, and they used this beautiful and spacious ring to test their galloping ability to the full. It was clearly a close verdict, and at one time it seemed as though the referee judge would be summoned to arbitrate, but in the end a compromise was reached and Bunowen gained the championship from Crown Court.

Two of the progeny of the Queen's Cleveland Bay stallion Mulgrave Cream finished champion and reserve in the breed classes and are eligible for the Lloyds Bank Wembley qualifier today, which the Queen will watch. Mulgrave Supreme has done a good deal to establish the high reputation of the breed since he came to stand at Max Abram's stud near York at the suggestion of the Crown Equerry, Colonel Sir John Miller. His progeny will be prominent in the main ring display of some 36 pure-bred and half-bred Clevelands which the Queen will be shown on her official visit. Results:

GREAT YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, G. Fletcher's Tauna Dora; 2, M. Whitaker's Brother Scot; 3, D. Broome's Heatwave.

CHAMPION HUNTER: T. Bland's Bunowen. Reserve: Lady Z. Pollock and Mrs A. Buxton's Crown Court.

Rifle shooting

Marksman beats ill-health to win Memorial Medal

A 68-year-old retired businessman, Stanley Wheeler, of Bognor Regis, Sussex, one of Britain's leading marksmen for nearly 50 years, was told to "take it easy" when he came to this year's Bisley rifle meeting, because he had had heart trouble. But yesterday he easily put 12 of 20 shots dead centre in the bull's-eye at 1,200 yards, the longest target rifle distance in the world, to win the Alexander Forsyth Memorial Medal.

His 91 out of a possible 100 was three points in front of the runner-up, Robert Taberner, of Lytham, Lancashire. Mr Wheeler said: "My doctor warned me that I must avoid too much effort, but I had to take part in some of the top events, especially as it is exactly 50 years since I first shot at Bisley with the Artists Rifles."

Bisley's long-range champion is Dr Christopher Roads, of Trumpington, Cambridge, deputy director of the Imperial War Museum, who yesterday won the championship and Hopton Challenge Cup by totalling 918 out of a possible 1,050 in a series of seven events at ranges of 900 to 1,200 yards.

The runner-up for the second year in succession was John de Havilland, a merchant banker, who lives at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. He scored 904, and third prize went to Mrs Piffa Schroder, wife of the City banker, Bruno Schroder, with 900 points.

BISLEY: Match rifle: The Armourers 1,300 yards: 1, S. F. Wheeler, 91; 2, R. Taberner, 88; 3, J. E. R. Hissey, 86. Edge 1,100 and 1,200 yards: R. P. Rosling, 171; 2, C. H. Roads, 170; D. D. Lovell 170. 1,200 yards aggregate: C. H. Roads, 170; 2, P. R. Wilson, 166; 3, R. P. Rosling, 165. Hopton Aggregate: C. H. Roads, 918; 2, J. De Havilland, 904; 3, Schroder, 900. Service rifle: Bisley Bullet: 200. 1, O/Cadet J. A. Silver (Bristol UOTC), 35; 2, Cpl P. C. James (Royal Marines), 34; 3, C/Sgt A. C. Notley (RGJ), 34. Sitting 200 yards: Staff/Sgt M. Fenton (1WFR), 50; tie 49. WO2 V. C. Brooks (RGJ); tie 50. Lt J. W. Hooper (Royal Navy Portsmouth), 48 50/47. Kinnaird: 300 yards: Sgt M. Dorey (RGJ), 34 tie 31 WO J. A. R. Labrecque (Canadian Forces) 34/tie 23, WO R. l'Heureux (Canadian Forces) 34/tie 22. Stephens, 300 yards (10 shots in 30 seconds): Rifleman G. R. G. Padambahadur 2/2 Gurkha Regiment 49 tie 46, WO II D. Smart 1 DERR 49/tie 44. Captain A. P. Donolson 1 Royal Anglian 49/tie 41. Standing 300 yards: Sgt J. S. Chapman Royal Marines 50/tie 49, Sgt J. M. L. Mercier (Canadian Forces) 50/tie 47, Cpl K. M. Hallam Royal Navy Portsmouth 50/tie 47. Wantage 300 yards snap: Lt D. F. Harding 10 (GR) 49/tie 49, PO M. E. Muir RN Plymouth 49/48 Rifleman Gurung Bombahadur 6 (GR) 49/tie 46. One team match The Hythe: Sitting and Standing: 1, Royal Greenjackets 370, 2, 1 (WFR) 368 3, 10 (GR) 364. Territorial Army results: Match A Officer Cadet Silver (Bristol UOTC) 35 Cpl Mackay 5/51 Highland 34. L Cpl Geddis 6 RIC 33. Match B: Sgt Milner 3, WFR 33, Private Weatherby CVHQ RAOC 33, Sgt Kakouli CVHQ RAOC 32. Match C: WO II Afflick 201 (General Hospital) 49: Private Weatherby 49, Capt Mackintosh (Queen's University OTC) 49 Match D: Cpl Betridge (5LI) 48; Cpl Blackburn (5LI) 47, Sgt Ford (CVHQ RAOC) 47. Match E: Private Weatherby 48, Sgt Smellie (CVHQ ROAC) 48, Sgt Fee (NIM) 48, Match F: Private Hornett (5RA) 49, Capt Wise (Bristol University OTC) 49, Sgt Williams (10 Para) 48. Queen's Silver Jubilee aggregate: WO II Afflick 239, WOI Robb 3/Wessex 236, Sgt Stewart CU OTC 236. Young Soldiers Officer Cadet Murphy (Queen's OTC) 209; Officer Cadet Guthrie (Queen's University OTC) 208. Private Blatch (5 RA) 202.

Tennis

St Paul's still favourites

By a Special Correspondent

The boys schools LTA championships for the Clark Cup at Wimbledon provided no surprises yesterday, but in the sultry conditions, matches took a long time. St Paul's established their position as favourites and won two rounds convincingly without losing a set.

M. A. Cottrell seemed in trouble against N. Carmichael of Kings Tynemouth at 2—5, but recovered to win 7—5, 6—3, and then took his next singles 6—1, 6—0. Slough and Windsor also won convincingly, as did UCS

RESULTS: Second round: Merchant Taylors beat KCS Wimbledon, 2—1; UCS beat Seaford, 2—0; Grange beat Cheltenham, 2—1; Rymers beat Highgate, 2—0; St Edmunds beat Chesham, 2—0; Collyers beat Doctor Challoners, 2—0; Colfes beat Latymer Edmonton, 2—0; St Georges Weybridge beat Brighton College, 2—1; Latymer Upper beat Esher, 2—1; Lancing beat Kent College, 2—0; St Pauls beat Kings Tynemouth, 2—0; Bedford beat Wyggeston, 2—1; Aldenham beat Bradfield, 2—0; Roundhay beat Royal Hospital, 2—1. Third round: Reading beat Glyn, 2—1; Windsor beat Taunton, 2—0; Purley beat Brentwood, 2—0; Slough beat Eton, 2—0; Sevenoaks beat Emanuel, 2—1; Haileybury beat Uppingham, 2—0; Sherborne beat Rugby, 2—0; St Edmunds beat QEGS Wakefield, 2—0; Collyers beat Colfes, 2—0; Lancing beat Latymer Upper, 2—1; St Pauls beat Bedford, 2—0.

SPORT

Rugby Union

Maori motivation may move them to new heights against Lions

Auckland, July 12.—The British Lions have a difficult fixture here tomorrow against a New Zealand Maoris side anxious to prove a point. The Lions go into the match still flushed by their win in the second international and it could prove particularly hard for them to recapture the fire and determination which characterised that victory.

The Maoris, on the other hand, will have the motivation of seeing to silence calls for the abolishment of Maori rugby, prompted especially by their unattractive displays against the Lions of 1959 and 1971.

In those matches, considerable emphasis was placed on the physical aspects of the game rather than the free-flowing type of rugby for which earlier Maori teams were noted. There is a great spirit in the Maori side which trained twice today under the guidance of Waka Nathan, the former All Black flank forward.

Tane Norton, the All Blacks captain, leads the Maoris, who are particularly well-equipped to take the game to the Lions through the backs. They feature an exciting half-back combination of Sid Going at scrum half and Eddie Dunn at stand-off half. At inside centre will be Bill Osborne, another All Black.

The mercurial Dunn is in such outstanding form that he has made the side ahead of the exciting youngster, Stephen Pokere, who had such a fine game for Southland against the Lions. Bill Bush, the All Blacks prop, is also included in the side, as are Vance Stewart, the lock forward, and Eddie Stokes, the outside centre, who toured Argentina with the All Blacks last year.

The match is vital for the Maoris, who are pushing for an overseas tour. Maori rugby is renowned for its carefree style and although they have tested the Lions in previous tours they have never beaten them. They lost by a mere two points against Mike Campbell-Lamerton's Lions of 1966, going down 16—14, and lost 12—6 in 1959. Against John Dawes's Lions of 1971, the Maoris were beaten 23—12.

Waka Nathan, the Maori coach, said the Lions would be hardest to beat in scrummaging. "I hope we'll be able to win our own scrum ball and we'll naturally be out to get as much lineout ball as we can", he said. "I'm not interested in scoring more points than any other New Zealand team against the Lions—and still losing. A win is what we're after."

The Lions team, which originally included five of the side fielded for the second international, has been weakened by the withdrawal of Steve Fenwick, the Welsh centre. He has been troubled by a groin injury for some time and John Dawes, the coach, has elected to rest him. Fenwick's place will be filled by Mike Gibson, whose wife, Moira, has just arrived in New Zealand to join the tour.

Eden Park, the match ground, has a large patch of heavy mud which may favour the Lions' forwards and restrict the back play.

NEW ZEALAND MAORIS: J. Whiu; C. Skipper, E. Stokes, W. Osborne, D. Haynes; E. Dunn, S. Going; W. Bush, T. Norton (captain), I. Tuki, T. Waaka, R. Lockwood, V. Stewart, T. Carter, M. West. Reserves: S. Pokere, R. Dunn, P. Durham, F. O'Carroll, J. Hughes, P. Quinn.

BRITISH LIONS: B. Hay; P. Squires, D. Burcher, M. Gibson, J. Williams; J. Bevan, D. Morgan; F. Cotton, R. Windsor, P. Orr, T. Cobner (captain), M. Keane, A. Martin, A. Neary, W. Duncan. Reserves: A. Irvine, I. McGeechan, B. Williams, C. Williams, P. Wheeler, D. Quinnell.—Agencies.

Mont de Marsan, France, July 11.—Andre Boniface, the famous attacking centre of the 1950s and 1960s, has come out of retirement to coach the Mont de Marsan club next season. He had been at odds with the club in recent years.—Agence France-Presse.

Cycling

Danguillaume shows his pleasure as he crosses the line.

Danguillaume wins while others bide their time

Roubaix, July 12.—Jean-Pierre Danguillaume, of France, won the 232 kilometres (144 miles) Rouen to Roubaix 11th stage in the Tour de France today. But it was another day when the men from the flat countries preferred to wait for the mountains.

Lucien van Impe, of Belgium, last year's winner, and Joop Zoetemelk, of The Netherlands, second three times, made no attempt to challenge the overall lead of Dietrich Thurau, of West Germany. Both of them feel they can beat Thurau in the Alps from Sunday, although Zoetemelk is more than three minutes behind after his fall last Sunday.

Eddy Merckx, of Belgium, hoping for a sixth victory on his seventh and last tour, had also decided that today was not the day to take Thurau on. Three of his men set a fast pace over the last 20 kilometres (13 miles) to make it difficult for anyone to break away. Several riders pulled clear at intervals but the head wind soo nslowed them down and allowed the pack to swallow them up.

The 31year-old Danguillaume, a team colleague of Bernard Thevenet, of France, the 1975 Tour winner, attacked exactly one kilometre from the finish and went 50 metres ahead. The riders had to complete one lap of the local velodrome and Roy Schuiten, of The Netherlands, a former world professional pursuit champion, almost caught Danguillaume at the finish.

There was change in the overall lead after a stage which avoided all the gruelling sections of the famous Paris Roubaix one day classic. An unspoken agreement between the riders turned the "Hell of the north" occasionally into a Sunday promenade.

Tomorrow the tour crosses the border into Belgium and the Belgian riders, with only one stage win so far, will be anxious to succeed in front of their fellow countrymen. Thursday is a rest day, but Thurau should still have the leader's yellow jersey on Friday when the thirteenth stage starts at Friburg in West Germany.

ELEVENTH STAGE: 1, J-P. Danguillaume (France), 7hr 7min 36sec; 2, R. Schuiten (Netherlands), 7:07:10; 3, P. Sercu (Belgium); 4, G. Karstens (Netherlands); 5, Rik van Linden (Belgium); 6, J. Esclassans (France); 7, Piet van Katwyk (Netherlands); 8, J. Bossis (France); 9, D. Thurau (W Germany); 10, C. Rouxel (France), all in Schuiten's time. British placings: 16, B. Hoban; 61, W. Nickson, 7:07:10.

OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, Thurau, 68:28:16; 2, E. Merckx (Belgium) at 51sec; 3, B. Thevenet (France) at 1:32; 4, H. Kuiper (Netherlands) at 1:40; 5, A. Meslet (France), at 2:09; 6, Lucien van Impe (Belgium) at 2:15; 7, F. Galdos (Spain) at 2:47; 8, M. Laurent (France) at 2:50; 9, R. Millemine (France) at 2:53; 10, R. Zoetemelk (Netherlands), at 3:40. British standings: 36, Hoban at 24:48; 65, Nickson at 33:46.—Agence France-Presse.

Frankfurt, July 12.—The West German Bicycling Federation today suspended Peter Vonhof, an Olympic gold medal winner in the team pursuit at Montreal, for four weeks. He was found guilty of insulting an official. Vonhof will also be barred from the world championships in Venezuela from August 2 Sto 30.—UPI.

Boxing

European title contest is postponed

Madrid, July 12.—A European heavyweight title match between the champion, Lucien Rodriguez, of France, and Alfredo Evangelista, of Spain, scheduled here on Friday has been postponed, the Spaniard's manager said today.

José Maria Martin said he did not know the reason for the postponement but he hoped the delay would not last more than a week. "In any case Alfredo will continue training", he said.

The promoter, José Luis Martin Bertocal, was expected to fly to Paris later today to discuss a new date with Rodriguez.

Another Frenchman, Jean-Baptiste Piedvache, will meet Primo Bandini, of Italy, for the European light-welterweight title, vacated by Britain's Dave Green, on August 10 at Rimini. Green vacated the title to box Carlos Palomino, of Mexico, for the World Boxing Council's welterweight championship. Piedvache lost to Green for the light-welter title in London last December.

In San Juan, Wilfredo Gomez, of Puerto Rico, retained his share of the WBC's super-bantamweight title yesterday by knocking out Raul Tirado, of Mexico, after 2min 59sec of the fifth round.

The end came when Gomez hit the Mexican in the stomach with a hard right.

Olympic Games

Atlanta cannot afford to be hosts

Atlanta, July 12.—A proposal to try to get the Olympic Games for Atlanta in the summer of 1984 has been abandoned by a group of businessmen who decided the city cannot afford to host the Games.

The Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and Central Atlanta Progress held a joint news conference on Monday to announce that the city will not bid for the Games. The mayor, Maynard Jackson, said last week he doubted if the city could afford the Games. Robert Strickland, chairman of CAP, said if the city had been "publicly committed to the 1984 Games, its airport bonds would have been more difficult to sell, due to the financial risk faced by the city with the Olympic Games".

Aslanta recently sold 30m in bonds for expansion of Hartsfield International Airport. Strickland said officials felt there "are more urgent human needs, including public employees' wages", which have priority.—UPI.

Athletics sponsor

Philips will sponsor the Gateshead athletics event for the next four years. The 1977 meeting is on July 30.

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Queen's Bench Division

Grunwick fail to get Acas report declared void

Grunwick Processing Laboratories Ltd and Others v Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service and Another

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice

Grunwick failed in their action for a declaration that the Acas report recommending recognition of Apex for the purpose of collective bargaining at Grunwick's works was null and void and not binding on them.

The Lord Chief Justice said that Mr George Ward, Grunwick's managing director, who had shown great determination in the face of severe problems, might have done himself great harm by refusing to play the last card in his hand—not giving Acas a list of his still working employees, who might have heavily favoured him in Acas's ballot of worker opinion.

His Lordship dismissed the claim by Grunwick Processing Laboratories Ltd and their associated companies, Cooper & Pearson Ltd and Cobbold Computer Centre Ltd, against the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, and the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff, who were joined as defendants in the action on their own application at Grunwick's invitation. Grunwick were ordered to pay the costs of Acas and Apex.

In his Lordship's judgment Grunwick had not established that no reasonable body properly instructed could have reached the conclusion reached by Acas or that it had taken irrelevant factors into account or failed to take relevant matters into account. Acas was entitled to have regard to the views of former employees who were dismissed while on strike; and the report was not nullified by Acas's failure to obtain the opinion of the employees still at work.

Mr Mervyn Heald, QC, Mr Stuart McKinnon and Mr George Newman for Grunwick; Mr Denis Henry, QC, Mr Peter Scott and Mr Peter Goldsmith for Acas; Mr J. Hampden Inskip, QC, and Mr Jeffrey Burke for Apex.

HIS LORDSHIP said that sections 11 to 16 of the Employment Protection Act, 1975, were concerned with trade union recognition—the recognition of a union by an employer for the purpose of collective bargaining. If a trade union required such recognition and it was refused by the employer, a "recognition issue" might arise under section 11(3). It was then open to an independent trade union—nothing turned in the case on "independent"—to refer the recognition issue to Acas, which was a body charged with the general duty of promoting the improvement of industrial relations, in accordance with section 1.

By section 12(1), when an issue was so referred, Acas "shall examine the issue, shall consult all parties who it considers will be affected by the outcome of the reference, and shall make such inquiries as it thinks fit". Following that, section 12(4) required that, if the issue was not settled, or the reference was withdrawn, Acas "shall prepare a written report setting out its findings and any recommendation for recognition, and the reasons for it, or, where no such recommendation was made, the reason for not making any such recommendation".

The general terms of section 12(1) were sharpened by section 14(1), which required Acas to ascertain the opinion of workers "to whom the issue relates" by any means it thought fit. Further, if Acas undertook a "formal ballot" it must have regard to the need for securing (a) that every worker invited to take part had an equal right and a fair opportunity of voting, and (b) that the votes cast by any individual in the ballot would be kept secret.

The Act did not define "formal ballot", but when such a ballot was to be taken both union and employers became entitled to additional information which might not otherwise be available to them. Nothing turned on that point in the present case.

When Acas had reported, the Act contained machinery for further conciliation, but failing that and subject to a number of safeguards, the terms of the Acas recommendation might eventually form part of the contract of employment of the employees concerned.

Shortly before the hearing of the action began, a court of inquiry under Lord Justice Scarman was set up with wide terms of reference to inquire into the particular dispute. In the circumstances his Lordship confined himself to the strict legal issues raised by Grunwick's claim.

Grunwick carried on business as a processor of films; the associated companies were not concerned with the claim. Over 400 people were employed by Grunwick, and much of the carriage of developed and undeveloped work was done through the post.

On August 23, 1976, a student in the temporary employ of Grunwick was dismissed on disciplinary grounds. By the end of the day 35 regular employees and about 30 students had walked out in sympathy. By the end of August there were 137 on strike.

Apex did not include Grunwick employees as members on August 23. A number of strikers joined Apex after the strike began.

Apex requested recognition by Grunwick, but initially no progress was made. Apex then applied to Acas for conciliation. On August 31 Grunwick declined Acas's service.

On September 2 Grunwick dismissed the strikers for being in breach of their contract of employment, but no further progress was made in the dispute. On October 15 Apex referred the recognition issue arising out of those circumstances to Acas under section 11.

For the next two or three weeks the dispute rumbled on. Acas made a further attempt at conciliation but without result until the first week in November, when the Union of Post Office Workers "blacked" Grunwick's factory and practically brought work to a standstill. Mr Ward, Grunwick's managing director, described the effect of the UPW action as "cutting the jugular vein of the company" and maintained that that crisis prevented him from thinking clearly in some of the decisions taken at the time.

Clearly, however, on November 3 there was a meeting between Grunwick representatives and Acas. Mr Ward agreed to cooperate in supplying names and job titles of employees, but stressed that the UPW ban had to be lifted or there would be no jobs and no factory. In fact the UPW action was short lived after legal proceedings had been taken by Grunwick.

At a further meeting on November 10 Acas stressed the need to proceed with a survey of worker opinion and complained that lists promised for November 5 had not been received. Mr Ward explained that the delay was due to the time devoted to the UPW claim and raised a number of issues as to whether there was to be a ballot or questionnaire to ascertain worker opinion and whether the strikers were to be included in the inquiry.

He was pressed to agree to supply the lists by November 15 and was told that Acas could not wait beyond November 22 in any case. In explanation of the non-delivery of the lists he replied that he was in constant receipt of legal advice and had to wait until he had seen his lawyers.

The next meeting of Grunwick's representatives and Acas occurred on November 17. Again there was a discussion of technical matters, such as the status of the strikers and the form of the intended questionnaire. When the question of the supply of lists of workers was raised Grunwick promised them on November 19; but a telephone message received by Acas on November 18 said that the lists would not be supplied until a further meeting with counsel had taken place.

The next few weeks were unproductive. Meetings were held, correspondence passed between Grunwick and Acas, but little resulted beyond a repetition of old arguments.

On December 13 Acas set out its view of the issues arising and stressed the need that worker opinion should be canvassed without delay. The letter was acknowledged on December 14 with a note that the answer would have to await the taking of legal advice. On December 17 Grunwick indicated that they could not return to the discussions until the end of the Christmas holiday, on January 4.

That letter produced an ultimatum from Acas in the form of a letter to Mr Ward by Mr Bainbridge of Acas. In it Mr Bainbridge said: "I have now to record that a further delay such as that proposed by you is, in the view of the service, quite unreasonable. As we have not succeeded in securing your cooperation, we intend to discharge our statutory duty on the basis of such facts as are available to us".

Acas proceeded to examine the issue; and the correspondence could be left at Mr Ward's letter of January 11 in which he stated: "We have not been and are not prepared to provide information and facilities when agreement in such vital matters as workers to whom the issue relates and the precise nature of the form of the inquiry and the questions remain outstanding."

His Lordship had briefly summarized the correspondence dealing with Grunwick's failure to supply Acas with the lists of workers, and he had heard Mr Ward give his account from the witness box. His Lordship was satisfied that Mr Ward could have supplied the lists at any time, but declined to do so in the belief that he could thereby exercise some control over the proceedings, particularly when such matters as the status of the strikers and the meaning of "ballot" were concerned.

The rest of the history was that Acas produced the report on March 10. It had obtained from Apex the names and addresses of union members who had been employed by Grunwick, and they were in the main the strikers who had been dismissed on September 2.

Those workers or former workers were given a letter and questionnaire. The two relevant questions were:

1 Do you want a trade union to negotiate with your employers about your pay and conditions of employment?

2 Do you want Apex to negotiate with your employers about your pay and conditions of employment?

The answers were almost unanimous in favour of Apex. There were, however, a number of workers at the factory who had not been on strike. It was the names and addresses of those workers for which Acas had been pressing. Paragraph 22 of Acas's report stated: "We had no information as to the names and addresses, nor any other suitable means of access to the remaining workers still working in the company so that their opinion could not be ascertained".

The report was, therefore, completed with no knowledge of the opinion of workers remaining in the factory unless they happened to belong to Apex. The report recommended that Grunwick should recognize Apex, and a writ was issued on April 5.

The only relief sought was a declaration that the report was ultra vires and void. His Lordship had to endeavour to decide, as a matter of law, whether any of the grounds properly raised in the action would have that result.

Like everyone else who read the newspapers, his Lordship was aware that the dispute had assumed enormous proportions, but he had endeavoured to put that knowledge out of his mind as it could only produce prejudice and not assist in deciding what the law was. Likewise with his knowledge that some other test of worker opinion was made in February, but he put that out of his mind since it had not been available to Acas and could not have affected the legality of Acas's action.

Much of the argument in the case was concerned with a short point which was, in the end, proved to be unimportant. It was a matter to which Mr Ward constantly referred, namely, the meaning of "formal ballot".

His Lordship thought that a formal ballot meant the canvass of group opinion by setting a pre-determined question or questions to each member of the group, to be answered secretly, and then studying the results. The main object of the reference to "formal ballot" in the context of the section was to exclude recording opinion by a mass meeting or show of hands.

The inquiry conducted by Acas was a formal ballot, but the only practical consequence was that it brought in the obligation of section 14(2) to promote equal right and opportunity of voting and to preserve secrecy.

Grunwick called expert evidence from those concerned with market research and like problems, that the questions used by Acas to canvass Apex members would have a leading effect and incline to an affirmative answer. It was also contended that the canvass should not have been conducted by post, as that made intimidation more practicable.

There was nothing in those arguments because the methods adopted by Acas were within the terms of the wide discretion given to it. Where a body such as Acas was given such wide discretion as was contained in sections 12 and 14, its conclusions could not be questioned by the courts unless it had misdirected itself.

To establish such a misdirection it was normally necessary to show either (a) that no reasonable body properly instructed could have reached the conclusion in question: *Bracegirdle v Oxley* ([1947] KB 349) or (b) that in reaching its conclusion the body took into account factors which were irrelevant or failed to take into account matters that were relevant: *Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation* ([1948] 1 KB 223).

It could not possibly be said in the present case that no reasonable and properly instructed body could have approved the voting procedure. The sort of inquiry which Acas had to conduct "by any means it thinks fit" could not demand the extreme refinements of current market research practice.

His Lordship could, therefore, turn to the two other issues on which the case had to be decided. Both concerned the obligation under section 14 to "ascertain the opinion of workers to whom the issue relates".

For that purpose the workers were divided into two groups. The first group comprised the 90-odd members of Apex, most if not all of whom had been on strike and had been dismissed on September 2. The members of that group wished to return to work and hoped to do so when the dispute was settled. Some 50 of them had applied to an industrial tribunal with a view to reinstatement, but the tribunal ruled that it had no jurisdiction.

The opinion of those former employees was taken in the ballot, and it was evident that Acas was influenced in making its recommendations by the presence of that group. Acas regarded the group as being "workers to whom the issue relates". Grunwick in their statement of claim contended that that group were not workers, alternatively were not workers to whom the issue related, and that Acas should have had no regard to their views.

His Lordship was against Grunwick on each contention. By section 126 of the Employment Protection Act the definition of "worker" was that contained in section 30(1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, namely, "an individual regarded in whichever (if any) of the following capacities is applicable to him, that is to say, a person who . . . normally works (a) under a contract of employment". The expression "worker" thus clearly extended to someone not for the time being in employment, and his Lordship had no doubt that the men and women in question were workers to whom the issue related in view of their desire to return to work with Grunwick. Acas was, therefore, in order in taking account of the opinion of that group of workers, though the weight given to that opinion was for Acas to assess.

In view of those findings his Lordship did not need to consider whether Acas could claim to rely on the opinion of that group as being the result of "inquiries" under section 12(1).

The final question was whether Acas's report was nullified by its failure to obtain the opinion of the second group of workers, namely, those who continued to work at the factory and whose names and addresses were withheld by Mr Ward from Acas.

It was beyond dispute that (a) those people were "workers to whom the issue relates", and (b) Acas, never obtained their opinion under section 14.

The Acas report gave a full account of the development of the dispute and explained how, in December, 1976, Acas desired to proceed to an examination of the issue although Grunwick were still unwilling to supply names and addresses of the workers. The report showed the urgency of the matter, and referred to the picketing, which had been continuous since the dispute began, and to the intervention of UPW. It recorded that no immediate progress was likely from further negotiation. Paragraphs 22 to 26 showed how the decision was arrived at.

"22 We had no information as to the names and addresses of other suitable means of access to the remaining workers in the company, so their opinions could not be ascertained . . .

23 . . . we have had to examine the issue in the light of the facts and opinions which were available to us.

24 . . . To the best of our knowledge the situation is that about one-third of these workers have been asked to express their opinions, and have signified a virtually unanimous wish to be represented by Apex for collective bargaining purposes. We have been unable to ascertain the opinion of the other two-thirds . . .

25 . . . For the Service to make no recommendation in this case solely because it had been unable to obtain the company's agreement to its proposals, would, in our view, be to negate the purpose of the Act."

The decision to report and recommend was then made. His Lordship did not see what else Acas could do. It was entitled to break off negotiations with Mr Ward in view of his conduct.

In argument Mr Heald referred to the list of employees as the last card in Mr Ward's hand. If that was a true analogy he might have done himself great harm by refusing to play it. If he had handed over the list of workers in December Acas would have made an attempt to discover the opinion of the two-thirds of the Grunwick employees who had stayed at work. It was at least possible that the result would have favoured Mr Ward, perhaps heavily.

Once Acas had decided not to wait longer for Mr Ward to deliver the lists, it was its duty to look for all other methods of testing the relevant worker opinion. According to the report, Acas could not obtain the information without Mr Ward's cooperation, and it was certainly not for his Lordship to ventilate his own ideas of what was possible in the situation of the present case, or to criticize Acas for not attempting to have a mass meeting or the like. Nor did his Lordship wish to criticize Mr Ward, who, though occasionally misguided, had shown great determination in the face of severe problems.

Neither the pleading nor Mr Ward's evidence described any further suggestion of a means by which the worker opinion could be obtained. The report contained the quoted sentences to the effect that the opinion of the other workers could not be ascertained, and no evidence had been called by Acas or Apex. In those circumstances it was submitted that the status of the report was equal to that of the report in *Jones v Attorney General* ([1974] Ch 148), namely, that unless specifically challenged it should be treated as evidence of the facts found in it.

His Lordship thought that that was right, as was the submission of Acas that the obligation to canvass opinion under the 1975 Act was qualified by such words as "so far as reasonably practicable".

Accordingly, his Lordship had to find that, so far as the action in his court was concerned, Grunwick's claim failed and it had to be dismissed.

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Chancery Division

Sunday market on field must stop

Thanet District Council v Ninedrive Ltd and Others

Before Mr Justice Walton

[Judgment delivered July 7]

His Lordship granted an interlocutory injunction restraining the holding of Sunday markets on land at the Loop, Manston, Kent, ruling that a field was not a shop. The injunction had been sought by Thanet District Council against Ninedrive Ltd, Pardal Trading Co, Mr Alan Nigel Dalton, and the owners of the land, Mr A. M. Robertson, Mrs H. M. Robertson, Mr R. A. Robertson and Mr S. A. Robertson. The injunction was suspended so as to permit the holding of one more market on Sunday (July 10).

Mr Konrad Schiemann for the local authority; Mr R. H. Bernstein, QC, and Mr J. Kirk Reynolds for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that apart from certain trades, set out in Schedule 5 to the Shops Act, 1950, which might lawfully be carried on on the Sabbath day, the Act provided that all shops must be closed on Sunday. The Act also contained special provisions relating to persons of Jewish and, indeed, other faiths to whom the Christian Sabbath was not a day of rest. The idea behind those provisions was that a devout Jew, prevented from opening his shop on a Saturday by the tenets of his faith should not be forced to close two days a week, while his Christian neighbour was forced to close only on one day.

From that simple idea for holding the balance of statutory prohibitions, there had sprung up attempts by persons of the Jewish faith to exploit such provisions and the planning law contained in the General Development Order, 1977, for an entirely alien purpose—holding Sunday markets in suitable localities whereat the traders were not, or were mainly not, Jews. If on a true construction of the Act they were entitled to do so, so be it; but the question was whether they were so entitled.

On May 30 Thanet District Council, the local planning authority, had made a direction under Article 4 (3) (b) of the General Development Order, 1977, affecting Manston airfield which included land known as the Loop, restricting the uses to which it could be put. On April 26 Ninedrive Ltd, of which Mr Dalton was a director, had applied, before there had been any occupation or carrying on of business by it on the Loop, for registration of the land under section 53 of the Shops Act. The local authority had refused the application, but Ninedrive had caused Sunday markets to be held on June 5 and on subsequent Sundays. One must assume that it had done so to its own not inconsiderable profit.

The local authority had accordingly instituted the present proceedings, and were claiming an interlocutory injunction restraining Ninedrive and the other defendants, which included Pardal Trading Co, a name used by various companies in which Mr Dalton was interested, and four persons named Robertson, who were the owners of the site, from using, causing or permitting to be used the land in question as a retail market on Sundays.

Mr Bernstein submitted that the premises, ie, the land at the Loop was a shop and not a place. While section 53 talked of "a shop" it was section 58 that extended the provisions of section 53 to "any place where any retail trade or business is carried on as if that place were a shop, and as if in relation to any such place the person by whom the retail trade or business is carried on were the occupier of a shop". Mr Bernstein said that the land was a shop and pointed to the definition in section 74 (1), commending that it was wide enough to include a field, and that nothing prevented a shop from including parts where, as was common in departmental stores, others could trade, whether or not they were of the Jewish faith.

His Lordship was not so persuaded, and concluded that a field was a place and not a shop, a distinction between a shop and a place being rendered necessary by section 58. In *Mabu v Warwick Corporation* ([1972] 2 QB 242) there had been a concession that the field was a shop, but his Lordship could not imagine that the Lord Chief Justice would have accepted that unless he had thought it correct.

Where, as here, one found 40 stalls set up, carrying on varied trades under various proprietors, then each stall was a shop for the purposes of section 53; there was nothing which enabled the sort of blanket registration on which Ninedrive relied to take place at all.

Even if Mr Bernstein were correct, and the land were a shop, his Lordship was far from satisfied that it would have the result contended for. If the postulated shop contained more occupiers than one, then when other persons than the person registering the shop were let into occupation there would be a change of occupation, bringing section 53(8) into operation; and the Interpretation Act, 1889, should be applied to section 53(1), under which a person of the Jewish faith could apply to the local authority to have his shop registered so as to permit trading on Sunday until two o'clock in the afternoon, so that it read in the plural ". . . the occupiers of any shop who are persons of the Jewish faith shall be entitled . . .", etc.

Section 53 was to relieve Jews from double closing, not to give a loophole for others to escape from the prohibition against Sunday trading.

As Mr Schiemann pointed out, the licence under which Ninedrive was occupying the land only gave a right to use it on Sundays between certain hours, and it was clear that, for sections 53 to 58, occupation was not intended to mean a single day's occupation. Mr Bernstein was correct in saying that, subject to registration, Ninedrive, and such traders as were carrying on exempt trades under Schedule 1, and others who had themselves registered a shop under section 53 could trade on the site; but here no one other than Ninedrive had applied to register, much less been registered, and even had they done so the exception would have been as a result of their own applications.

Even if the defendants were to succeed in their application pending before the Divisional Court and expected on July 20, for an order of mandamus ordering registration to be effected, it could only frank Ninedrive's own trading and not that of anyone else. Ninedrive did in fact supply refreshments for persons visiting the market.

In the result it appeared that Ninedrive was clearly in breach, both of the planning law and the Shops Act. After referring to *Stafford Borough Council v Elkenford Ltd* ([1977] 1 WLR 324) his Lordship said that the injunction sought must be granted, but with an exception in the case of all Schedule 5 trading carried on by Ninedrive itself. In the first instance such exception should extend until the determination by the Divisional Court. If those proceedings concluded in favour of Ninedrive, then, on balance, the exception should become permanent; but if those proceedings went against Ninedrive and no mandamus were issued, then the exception would lapse.

Solicitors: Sharpe, Pritchard & Co for Mr K. G. Denne, Margate; Lewis Ruskin & Co.

Queen's Bench Division

Compensation for transferred staff

Tuck and Others v National Freight Corporation

Before Mr Justice Donaldson

[Judgment delivered July 8]

If it could be shown that officers employed originally by the British Railways Board who were compulsorily transferred under the Transport Act, 1968, to the employ of the National Freight Corporation had suffered as a result a worsening of their position and consequent loss because their salaries did not rise as much or as fast as they would have done if they had not been transferred, they should be entitled to receive compensation for such loss under the British Transport (Compensation to Employees) Regulations, 1970.

His Lordship allowed an appeal by three corporation employees, Mr William Henry Tuck, Mr John Francis Moody and Mr Stanley Arthur Wray, as nominees of about 1,500 other employees, from the dismissal by an industrial tribunal of their complaints that the corporation was unjustified in rejecting their claims for compensation.

Regulation 13 provides: "(1) . . . the conditions for the payment of long-term compensation to any person [that is, an officer of a nationalized transport body or subsidiary] are that: (a) he has, before, on, or not later than 10 years after the date of the relevant event, suffered loss of employment or loss or diminution of emoluments or worsening of his position, being loss, diminution or worsening (as the case may be) which is properly attributable to the happening of the relevant event . . . (d) he has made a claim for such compensation . . . not later [than] . . . (iii) in a case where the claimant could not reasonably have known of the existence of the cause of his claim for compensation at the time when it in fact occurred, two years after the first date on which he could reasonably have known of its existence . . .".

Mr Ronald Waterhouse, QC and Mr Alexander Irvine for the employees; Mr John Harvey, QC, and Mr Andrew Thompson for the corporation.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the employees were originally employed by the British Railways Board as clerical and management officers. On January 1, 1969, subsidiaries of the National Freight Corporation were substituted for the board as their employers. The change was not a matter of choice; it resulted from the provisions of the Transport Act, 1968, which established the corporation and transferred certain of the board's property, functions and employees to the corporation or to its subsidiaries.

Parliament gave thought to the possibility that the Act and the consequent reorganization of the industry might adversely affect those who were employed in it. Section 135 required the minister by regulation to prepare a scheme of compensation; hence the British Transport (Compensation to Employees) Regulations, 1970.

Between October 14, 1972, and October 14, 1976, the pay of the board's employees rose further or faster than that of those in the employ of the corporation and its subsidiaries. The employees in the present case thought nostalgically of the old days with the board, and enviously of their fellow employees who had not been transferred. Their union, the Transport Salaried Staffs Association, thought that they were entitled to be compensated and applied to the corporation as the compensating authority under the regulations.

The corporation rejected their claims. It took the view that any loss or diminution of emoluments or worsening of position, which was the prerequisite of compensation under the regulations, involved a comparison between the position of the employees as employees of the corporation's subsidiaries on October 14, 1972, with their position as such employees on October 14, 1974, and that there had been no such loss, diminution or worsening. The employees complained to the industrial tribunal, which agreed with the corporation.

"Worsening of position" in regulation 13 was nowhere defined and prima facie was a very wide concept.

The real problem was that "worsening" involved a comparison and that the regulations did not say what was to be compared with what.

It was necessary to go back to first principles. What was the intention of Parliament and the minister? His Lordship imagined that what the minister had in mind was that the employees did not ask to be transferred and were being transferred because it was in the community interests that the transport industry should be reorganized; and it intended to see that they were compensated if, by any unlikely chance, they found themselves in a worse position as officers employed in the transport industry than they would have been if they had not been transferred and be worsening of their positions had caused them loss or injury. Common sense seemed to lead to that result, which was the result for which the employees contended.

But when did the employees' position worsen? His Lordship was inclined to agree with them that it was when their emoluments began to diverge from what they would have been receiving had they remained in the employment of the board. But even if he true view were that their position as officers worsened when they were switched into the corporation "siding", their claims were still open because they could not know of the resulting loss, which was the basis of their cause of action, until after the divergence had occurred. Accordingly, as far as time limits were concerned, they could rely on regulation 1(d)(iii).

The appeal would be allowed and the claims remitted to the industrial tribunal for it to consider whether the employees' positions as officers had worsened and, if so, whether by reason of that fact they had suffered any loss or injury which was attributable to the happening of the relevant event. Such remission would not prevent the compensating authority from taking another look at the matter as his Lordship thought they should, and if so minded, settling the employees' claims by agreement.

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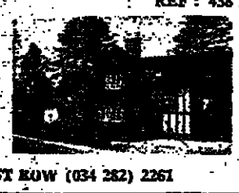

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The constituency parties are entitled to express their views

Choosing the Labour Party leader: why MPs should think again

"Mr James Callaghan", *The Times* reported on April 6, 1976, "was acclaimed the new leader of the Labour Party at Westminster yesterday." It was an ambiguous form of words, and therefore just right. For the fact is that while the party constitution includes a reference to the "Leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party"—who, of course, is elected exclusively by Labour MPs—nowhere does it mention anyone called the "Leader of the Labour Party". Strictly speaking, there is no such office and no such person. And this, presumably, is why the working party set up by the national executive committee after last year's party conference was asked not only "to consider appropriate means of widening the electorate involved in the choice of the Leader" but was also instructed to "define the office of Leader of the Labour Party".

As regards the method of election, the working party has now spelt out the options: no change from the present arrangements; election of the party leader by annual conference; and election by an electoral college, consisting of Labour MPs, parliamentary candidates, and representatives of the constituency parties, trade unions and other affiliated bodies. What, if anything, it has done about defining the office of party leader is not so clear. This is a pity, for although the Labour Party has never in the past allowed its thinking to be dominated by the requirements of logic, there is at least something to be said for establishing what exactly is up for election before deciding who shall be entitled to vote.

There are three possible conceptions of the status of party leader. The Labour Party operates with a parliamentary leader, who is that and nothing more; or, there is a parliamentary leader who is also acknowledged outside parliament as the *de facto* leader of the party as a whole; or, we have a fully-fledged "Leader of the Labour Party" as a whole, formally recognized as such inside and outside Parliament.

In practice, what we now have in the Labour Party is an unsatisfactory amalgam of the first and second conceptions. The leader of the PLP is widely regarded (and no doubt regards himself) as "Leader of the Labour Party"; but, at the same time, we also have—in the shape of the executive committee—another organ in the party that feels perfectly entitled publicly to challenge the authority of the parliamentary leader, and which regards itself (and is widely regarded) as an alternative and sometimes competing locus of leadership for the party. If the Labour Party were now starting from scratch, would it—I wonder—actually choose to build into the organization an institutional basis for its persistent schismatic tendencies?

This leaves the third possibility. And personally I doubt whether there would be much resistance to the idea of establishing a *de jure* "Leader of the Labour Party" were it not for the inevitable, and (to some) unpalatable, next step in the argument which is this: if we are to have a recognized Leader, capable of speaking authoritatively for the party as a whole, then clearly he or she will have to be chosen by the party as a whole, and not just by those members of the party who have been elected to the House of Commons.

Which brings us to our Labour MPs, most of whom—not surprisingly—are opposed to any change in the existing arrangements, ostensibly on the following grounds: (i) The PLP, they say, consists of people selected as candidates by their general management committees, and elected by Labour supporters in the constituencies; it is therefore a democratic electoral body (ii) The existing system, it is said, works swiftly and efficiently; (iii) To depart from the present practice, they argue, would place MPs in an invidious position by comparison with Labour members of local authorities, where leaders are elected exclusively by councillors; (iv) Any change in the system, they maintain, could have profound constitutional implications in that the leader of the parliamentary party who becomes Prime Minister must command the support of the parliamentary party in the House of Commons; it is essential therefore to avoid any possibility of conflict; and (v) members of the PLP, they argue, are in the best position to know the qualities and character of the candidates for the leadership.

These arguments really do take a great deal of swallowing. Consider, for a start, the claim that the PLP is a "democratic electoral body". What we are asked to accept, apparently, is that—once elected—then for the next 15 or 20 years, a Labour MP somehow becomes competent to represent the views of his constituency party whenever a new leader has to be chosen. True, for what it is worth, there is such a thing as "consultation" between Labour MPs and their local parties. In practice, it is probably not worth much.

Most MPs, a recent study of the 1976 contest suggests (HM Drucker, "Leadership Selection in the Labour Party", in *Parliamentary Affairs* of Autumn, 1976) regarded consultation as "just window dressing". One can well believe it. In any case, the obvious question remains: what about all the party members and supporters who happen to live in constituencies not represented by Labour MPs?

Then there is the comparison between Labour MPs and local councillors, a genuine barrel scraper this. The analogy is quite irrelevant for the simple reason that the leader of the Labour group on a local council is that and nothing else. No one suggests that he is in some sense the leader of a constituency party outside the council chamber. And that is why, in his case, there is no reason to allow anyone but councillors to take part in the election. Not much better is the appeal to speed and efficiency. It is not unknown for deputies to act as temporary leaders until a permanent replacement is chosen. And even if there were to be some sacrifice of efficiency, that is surely something which MPs—of all people—ought to accept with equanimity if, as a result, we get a more democratic procedure.

What Labour MPs have in mind when they talk about "profound constitutional implications" and hint darkly about the "possibility of conflict", I do not know. If the Labour Party does adopt a new procedure for choosing its leader, then provision for the new-style leader, and for the method of election, will presumably have to be made in the form of an amendment to the party constitution. Since no one can be a member of the Labour Party, let alone a parliamentary candidate, unless he undertakes to observe that constitution, one wonders what exactly the difficulties are that the PLP foresees. Surely it is not being suggested that the party leader, chosen by the prescribed constitutional procedure, would not be able to rely on the support of Labour MPs?

And lastly, there is the special knowledge of the "character and qualities" of the candidates for the leadership supposedly possessed by Labour MPs. There may be something in this. But uppermost in the minds of most MPs, surely, is the position of the contenders on the ideological spectrum. They vote for their preferred candidate primarily because they believe that, under his leadership, there would be more chance of the party moving in the preferred direction. There is nothing wrong with that. But why should the ideological preferences of Labour MPs alone be reflected in the choice of party leader? Is the rest of the party not entitled to some say in picking the helmsman?

And so we come to the nub of the controversy. It is no secret that what chiefly agitates many of those involved in this debate is not so much party democracy as the effect of a change in the election procedure on the chances of the probable contenders for the leadership. The left believes that a wider electorate would favour their candidate; and the right and centre evidently agree.

If the election were thrown into conference or an electoral college, a left-wing candidate might indeed fare better than at present. Whether he would ever do well enough to get elected must be very much open to doubt. For one thing, the prospect of a frightened electorate and a lost election is not one that would appeal to the trade unions, and they are not given to running losers if they can avoid it. And for another, if the constituency parties actually had something of importance to decide, we might even see a certain amount of competitive recruiting; and if the left really is as unrepresentative of the ordinary Labour voter as we are told, in a competition of this kind it could scarcely hope to come off best.

The PLP, however, is apparently not prepared to take a chance. And as things now stand, our MPs seem to be on a collision course with much of the party outside Westminster. They should think again. In an electoral college—which would surely provide a much fairer expression of party opinion than conference—Labour MPs would still play an important part in electing the leader, as they should. It is their claim to exclusive rights that many of us in the party find objectionable. A voice, however small, in the choice of our own leader should not be too much to ask.

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Mr Brezhnev: had Cuban "volunteers" sent to Ang

Anxiety grows in the Kremlin over Mr Carter's stand on human rights

A new account of Soviet foreign policy has been published in the *Washington Post*.

It is by Mr Boris Rabbot, a Soviet Jewish emigrant, who claims to have been near the centres of power in Moscow for the past decade, and whose account of the fears and hopes of his former colleagues differs in many respects from the usual analyses of Western Kremlinologists.

The newspaper expresses some reservations about Mr Rabbot; but Robert Kaiser, the *Washington Post's* distinguished former Moscow correspondent, is inclined to take him seriously.

Mr Rabbot says that President Carter has aroused intense anxiety among Soviet leaders because of his statements on human rights and because they remain unsure about his motives. According to Mr Rabbot, the Russians saw détente as a matter of limiting the arms race while increasing scientific, cultural and commercial exchanges without interfering with Soviet domestic policies.

From the start, however, they had to face the possibility that increased exchanges with the West would lead to the penetration into Soviet society of Western ideas of democracy and human rights. This was precisely what Soviet liberals wanted, of course; but Mr Rabbot claims that many others who are not at all liberal accept that change is an inevitable consequence of détente.

He mentions Georgi Arbatov, whom he describes as the leading Soviet theorist on détente, as criticizing liberalizing tendencies but believing that détente will inevitably result in strong new western influences reaching Russia and eventually bringing freedom too. Mr Rabbot writes: "Arbatov approved of western influences that would force changes in the Soviet Union but, like many others, he feared that unilateral reforms from within could result in uncontrollable pressures for sudden wrenching changes."

Mr Rabbot discusses the Soviet view of American détente policy, saying that there are three schools of thought. The first believes that the Americans want to set the Russians and Chinese against one another, even to the point of war; the second that they want to liberalize, and thus destroy, Soviet society; and the third that they merely want to limit the arms race.

More than one of these theories can be held simultaneously and (although Mr Rabbot cannot comment at first hand on Soviet reactions to Mr Carter's policies) it is clearly possible that the second version has been much reinforced in recent months.

He said that President Brezhnev belonged to the third school and hoped for economic and technological benefits from increased trade with the West. He wanted no internal liberalization at all, and believed that Western influences could be controlled, despite détente. According to Mr Rabbot, he has been proved mistaken.

Mr Rabbot says that there have been great changes in Soviet society since 1968, as a result of greatly increased contact with the West.

But he also says that economic difficulties co and indeed are getting and claims secret so show that 60 per cent of enterprises are engaged duction for the armed which causes shortag mass poverty.

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State Department offi who have interviewed Rabbot are sceptical parts of his story of the tions inside the Kremli think that he exagger own importance. Bu some of his accounts of d among Soviet leaders co similar claims from sources, and nothing he sa inherently improbable.

Kaiser, who interviewed him two days for the *Washing Post*, expressed some of same reservations. He w that "though he may write speak more authoritatively the facts at his disposal w seem to justify, he knows ing stories and anecdotes ab the Soviet rulers".

Mr Kaiser's (and St Department officials') dou about Mr Rabbot stem from novelty of his version of the inside the USSR. His acco does not tally with any o usual Kremlinological analy

The fact remains that he undoubtedly in a position know a great deal, directly indirectly, and people with sources leave the USSR rarely.

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Every vote a winner, except for the odd men out

I am dismayed and astonished at the lack of any comment (at least I have seen none) on the recent elections in Mongolia. If the press of the so-called free world so ignominiously fails in its duty to bring to its readers' attention so important an expression of Mongolian public opinion, I am not surprised at the growing tide of criticism of that press which is now flowing even in the so-called free world itself, let alone in the *genuinely* free world represented by the People's Republic of Mongolia. Be that as it may, I must now do what little I can to repair the omission.

The elections of which I speak took place throughout Mongolia on June 19 (June 19 was the birthday of Edgar Degas, but I do not suppose that the elections were held on that date as a mark of esteem for him. You never know, though; they may be very into Degas in Mongolia). The voters were choosing the members of the People's Great Hural, which seems to be what is known elsewhere as a parliament, so you may well suppose that the elections were considered vital in those parts, and the contest keenly fought.

I have before me the report of the Central Electoral Commission, which is apparently the body charged with supervising Mongolian elections, and from this report I learn first that there are 354 constituencies in Mongolia, and next that by the most astonishing and heart-warming coincidence there were exactly 354 candidates, and neither more nor fewer than that. (This works out, as a simple calculation will show, at precisely one candidate for each seat.) But such figures are bloodless things; it is only when we look beyond them to the human reality that we begin to understand Mongolian politics. What a wealth of meaning, for instance, there is in such a statement as this:

> After reviewing the election results, the Central Electoral Commission has declared that the elections to the Mongolian People's Republic People's Great Hural were held in complete accordance with the requirements of the Mongolian People's Republic Constitution and its provisions on elections.

Such scrupulous rectitude in the conduct of elections puts to shame those countries elsewhere which have lower standards; in Mongolia, at any rate, the elections are held in *complete* (my italics) accordance with the provisions of the constitution. Nor is that the only respect in which Mongolia shows the way; the voters on June 19 demonstrated a conspicuous lack of political apathy, and on the contrary displayed a remarkable keenness, in selecting those who were to govern them. There are (again, I quote from the report of the Central Electoral Commission) 694,855 voters on the register in Mongolia, and no fewer than 99.99 per cent took part in the election, a result which speaks for itself—though the Central Electoral Commission, to be on the safe side, speaks for it, describing it as "an objective expression of socialist democracy", which I suppose it is, in a way.

Mongolia has 354 constituencies and, by astonishing coincidence, 354 candidates

Nor is that all. Of the 99.99 per cent who went to the polls (there were, incidentally, 1,515 polling stations, each, no doubt, with a friendly People's Mongolian bobby outside), 99.99 per cent voted for the candidates. Who the others voted for is not recorded by the Central Electoral Commission, and it is difficult to guess. Perhaps Mongolian elections permit, as do some American ones, a "write-in" vote, though if so the Central Electoral Commission makes no mention of the identity of the extra-curricular candidates thus written in. In any case, the derisory support they received (I calculate that there could not have been more than 70 such votes, indeed than 69!) is sufficient testimony to the popularity of the winning party—which is so popular, in fact, that no other party put up candidates at all.

The Mongolian People's Republic Central Electoral Commission has provided a useful analysis of the new members of the People's Great Hural. There are, for instance, 98 workers, 104 members of agricultural associations and "152 employees and representatives of the intelligentsia". (It seems that they are very into the intelligentsia in Mongolia.) There were also, presumably distributed among the categories so far listed, 82 women, and in addition 13 successful candidates described as "members of the MRYL", which presumably stands for Mongolian Republic Young Liberals. (Well, if it doesn't stand for Mongolian Republic Young Liberals, what *does* it stand for, eh?)

The report of the Central Electoral Commission from which I have taken all this information is not, I must admit, entirely free of opportunities for confusion. It says, for instance, that the election results "vividly demonstrated the genuine national essence of the Hural organs", a comment which leaves me somewhat baffled. It also reports, with a rather disquieting lack of further information, that "During the vote counting, two ballots were declared invalid". These were presumably voting-papers incorrectly or ambiguously completed, though it is not easy to see how a voter can fail to make his electoral intentions clear on a ballot that contains the name of only one candidate. (I suppose they could simply have written "Long live Trotsky" across the paper, or even "The Romanovs rule OK", but on the whole I think it probable that they did not.)

After the elections, the new members of the Mongolian People's Republic People's Great Hural lost little time in getting down to parliamentary business. No doubt Mongolia is not altogether free from the problems that beset all countries during election campaigns; as the candidates stumped the country, plying the knocker, poring over canvass returns and the findings of opinion polls, dealing with hecklers and visiting committee rooms, it was inevitable that the business of government would be to some extent neglected.

As soon as the formalities were out of the way, therefore, when the People's Great Hural assembled (the formalities included a report from the Credentials Committee—which no doubt reported that the credentials of all the successful candidates were perfectly in order—and the re-election of popular, jovial N. Luvsanchultem as Speaker of the Great Hural), members heard a report on a new draft health law, presented by Deputy G. Chimid, whose presentation was followed by a speech from the Minister of Health himself, one G. Jamba, who declared—well, not so much declared as pointed out, really—that if the new law were passed it "would be an important event inspiring Mongolian medical workers to new achievements in promoting the people's health". No sooner said than done, for in the very next bit of business the People's Great Hural "unanimously adopted a resolution ratifying the Health Law" (I expected that to happen, didn't you?) and "With this, the work of the first session of the ninth Mongolian People's Republic People's Great Hural concluded successfully".

We are often accused, in Britain, of insularity, and at times, I have to say, there seems to be a good deal of justice in the charge. And what better evidence of its truth could there be than the fact that, so far as I know, I am the only journalist in this country to have reported any of this information? I am glad to have been able to do so, but my natural journalist's pleasure in bringing off such a "scoop" is tempered by the realization that it is only because of the shameful neglect of such news by most of my colleagues that I was able to obtain it. I hope I shall be believed when I say that I would gladly forgo all chance of winning, on the strength of it, an award as Investigative Reporter of the Year if it meant that the affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic in general, and the achievements of its People's Great Hural in particular, were more widely known here. I wish Speaker Luvsanchultem a trouble-free period of office, and rather imagine that he will have one.

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The hospital theatre of the absurd

Let me tell you a story about the good doctors and the wicked tax men. It has hardly begun, and yet it looks as if the word "finis" has been written.

Dr Michael Rosen is an anaesthetist at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Last June, he won a concession from the local tax office. It said it would waive tax on his sterilization fees—about £10.75 an operation—and on the fees of his fellow surgeons (about £22).

The doctors put all their fees into a special fund to buy much-needed hospital equipment. Through normal channels, the equipment would have taken years to obtain.

What motivated the doctors was their belief that they should not be paid for work which they would do anyway, as part of their duties.

The fees pool idea spread to other hospitals. At Guys, £1,700 was collected; the West London hospital started a pool, too.

Now Dr Rosen has been told by the tax office that the concession was a mistake. Even if the doctors did not keep their fees, they were told, they were still theirs by right and were, therefore, taxable. Now the equipment-buying schemes—a most commendable humanitarian gesture—are in the balance. Is there a *deus ex machina* in the house?

My paragraph yesterday about Sir Harold Wilson's premierships may have given the impression that I do not know how many Elections he has won. He has, of course, been invited by the Queen to form Administrations on four occasions—in 1964 and 1966 and then twice in 1974.

Unloved, unsung

A report in *The Times* yesterday about the updated D'Oyly Carte *Iolanthe* at Sadler's Wells must have sent G and S fans scurrying back to their libretti. It bemoaned the fact that an "acid song" ridiculing the honours system was not being resurrected at the Wells.

Mr Frederic Lloyd, general manager of D'Oyly Carte, tells me the company have not used the song in 60 years of *Iolanthe*.

It was Rupert D'Oyly Carte, the company's fountainhead, who first shrouded the song in controversy when, in an article, he said it was cut out at rehearsal before the first production in 1882. The truth was: it *was* in the show, but recited and not sung.

Reading habits

Professor Oliver McGregor, the 55-year-old urbane chairman of the Royal Commission on the Press, regards himself as an "extremely conventional" newspaper reader.

Most days he reads *The Times*, *Guardian* and *Financial Times*, occasionally the *New York Herald-Tribune*, and at weekends the *Sunday Times*, the *Observer* and his local paper, the *Hampstead and Highgate Express*.

The Ham and High, as it is affectionately known, was in fact the newspaper on which Lord Northcliffe, some say the father of modern journalism in Britain, began his career.

"It is my favourite newspaper—and I genuinely mean it", he said.

Weeding out the unadventurous

I have been a life-long propagandist of laver-bread from Wales, and that is why I turned sea-green with envy when my man in Paris told me about a meal served in Brittany recently.

For starters, there was seaweed soup. Recipe: "sea-tangle" mussels and tomato juice boiled together for an hour. The presiding chef, Marcel Richard, suggested "foam cocktail" to go with it—one third alcohol, one third herb infusion, the rest sea water.

Next came shellfish cocktail in seaweed jelly; then on to the main course—turbot on a bed of saltwort, with braised sea lettuce as side-dish.

As M Richard seems not to have succeeded in milking a sea cow to make cheese, his pudding had to be of a more simple order, sea-tangle soaked in rum.

The Brittany diners, all volunteers, are reported to have survived without unpleasant side-effects. I hope you have reached the end of this item in similar fashion.

Seen scribbled in a lift at Hampstead underground station: "Dyslexia rules, KO?"

Floreat the mathematicians

Centuries of careful study of the "three Rs" have borne fruit and, as Britain staggers under the debilitating effect of the brain drain, our students have done us proud. John Rickard, a 17-year-old pupil at the City of London School, returns home today after winning the individual section of the XIX International Mathematical Olympiad (which was held in Belgrade last week).

The British team of eight (four from independent schools and one from a direct grant establishment) achieved an overall position of equal third (almost as good as winning) with Hungary. The United States came first and Russia second. Teams from 21 nations took part.

Our team was selected by a series of nationwide competitions, organized by the National Committee for Mathematical Contests. More than 8,000 candidates from all over the United Kingdom and aged between 16 and 19 took part in the first competition in March. From there, 60 candidates went on to the national Olympiad in May.

The various sorts of Maths comprise the second most popular course (after English) at Advanced level for secondary students. The fact that all eight members of the British team were boys had best be reported by me without further comment.

Fabians house

The publication the other day of *The First Fabians* by Norman and Jean Mackenzie coincides neatly with the sale by auction of Old Wyles, the house where the original Fabians used to meet and which George Bernard Shaw decribed as "the birthplace of middle-class socialism".

The farmhouse in Hampstead, which dates back to 1600, has a number of claims to fame. The painter, John Linnell, lived there in the 1820s and it was the meeting place for his many painter friends, including William Blake, Samual Palmer and John Varley.

In 1830, Charles Dickens spent a month living in the house. More recently, and for 24 years, it was the home of architect Sir Raymond Unwin

The very great dictator?

After the devaluation of the peseta—the revaluation of Franco? According to the dictator's sister, Doña Pilar, the vast majority of the Spanish people will be making pilgrimages to the Vatican within three years to ask the Pope to consider the canonization of the Caudillo.

Doña Pilar, a supporter of him is reported by many men in Madrid to have quoted Franco as confessor as saying: "If the generalissimo isn't in Heaven then nobody is." As the secrecy of the confessional is inviolate it is patently impossible to dispute the fact.

I do not dispute Doña Pilar's right to euphoria over her brother, but I think that as she has set herself up as his sponsor for celestial glory, someone should at least advise her on the necessity for consistency.

"Franco's heart was so big that it hardly fitted inside his chest", she says. In the same breath, she adds: "He exercised a hard rule because the country needed it."

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THE UPHOLDING OF ACAS

future when trade unionists ll against the judiciary whittling away rights guaran- d to them by statute, they uld have the grace to identify Lord Chief Justice as a hy- in this context. Lord idgery's judgment yesterday in unwick's case against the ivisory, Conciliation and Arbi- ation Service is a charac- istically bold interpretation of tute according to the spirit as ll as the letter, and saves from rtual extinction one of the ost important sections of the dy of law that the unions cured for themselves in 1974 d 1975. At the same time he s refrained from inflicting on cas a judicial stigma which uld have gone far towards stroying its credit for impar- ility, and therefore its useful- ss. The credit of a body of s kind is precarious, as the re of its predecessor, the Com- ission on Industrial Relations, monstrates. Acas has done luable work, not only in other cognition disputes like the one IBM (where it recommended ainst union recognition), but so in the wider field of indus- al relations.

Except as it affects the morale those involved, the judgment no immediate or dramatic nsequences as far as Grun- ick's itself is concerned. Mr ard has declared his intention appeal, as he has every right do. Even if he loses, it would pparently still be open to him to lay what Lord Widgery called is "last card" and offer to co- perate in a proper test of his mployees' opinions. Should cas's recommendation still and and still be disregarded, a process involving several more stages of attempted conciliation might lead to a declaration by the Central Arbitration Committee. This could, in effect, write a guarantee of a right to union representation into the firm's contract of employment. It would then be for individual employees to take civil action to enforce their rights. If they were sacked for joining a union, that would be unfair dismissal and compensation would have to be paid. Mr Ward has promised to abide by the findings of the courts, although it is not clear at which point in all this he would regard legal processes as having been completed. The House of Lords's finding will be conclusive, of course, as to whether Acas acted properly or not.

This is an inconclusive prospect of events. It is the result of the 1974 Government's determination to exclude the threat of criminal sanctions as far as possible from industrial conflict. Great harm had been done to industrial relations in general by a series of cases in which the action of the law had been to inflame grievances, not settle them. A great edifice of law was erected to prevent this. Now, ironically, it has brought to prominence a case as disruptive as any of the earlier ones, and as bizarrely disproportionate in the contrast between the immediate and the consequential issues that it raises.

All this is acutely frustrating to many trade unionists, some of whom now begin to regret the absence of sterner legal sanctions to reinforce the pressures of industrial action, public opinion and conciliation. Their doubts would have been confirmed if Lord Widgery had found that a refusal by Grunwick to cooperate in Acas's "attitude survey" was sufficient to stymie the whole prescribed procedure. That would certainly have been a colourable reading of the Act, and it was widely expected that it would prevail. Charged with ascertaining the opinions of "all parties who it considers will be affected" in a recognition dispute, and with ensuring that all workers have "an equal right and a fair opportunity" of voting in a ballot, Acas indisputably did a lamentable job. It tested only that minority of those affected who were certain to favour recognition and made its recommendation on the strength of that. It had sought to do better, but been prevented. Lord Widgery finds, however, that this did not disqualify its decision.

Nevertheless it is likely that most of the employees still working at Grunwick's are in fact opposed to recognition. The antics that they have witnessed outside the gate could hardly have given them a worse impression of the nature of the movement. If so, it is still open to Mr Ward to allow their opinion to be tested. Yesterday's judgment is no vindication of a union right to thrust the benefits of membership on a body of workers who do not want them. Acas has no power to enforce any such thing, in any case. The ruling reaffirms that negotiation, not confrontation, is the most fruitful approach to industrial disputes, and upholds the judgment of the body charged by statute with encouraging it.

IT IS RIGHT TO RESPECT OTHER MEN'S GODS

on the law as it stands, the jury *was right to convict Gay News* and its editor of blasphemous ibel; juries are wise to go by he law and not by their own likes or dislikes. The poem com- plained of was shocking and offensive, and few followers of he Christian religion, even those ukewarm in their devotion, uld have been anything but terly revolted by it. At the me time, however, the fact of e prosecution having taken ace at all, the conduct of trial, ntence, raise a number of issues of public importance.

It is unfortunate that at times seemed to be not the poem that was on trial, but the general orality of *Gay News* as a whole. he prosecution occasionally ave the impression that the case as as much about homosexuality blasphemy. Nor could it have attered, for purposes of the nviction, whether or not *Gay ews* was a responsible journal ually carrying many other ticles of considerable informa- value and interest, as fence witnesses said. That idence confused the issue, hich was the simple one of hether or not the poem in estion was blasphemous. It as only relevant to mitigation, was the status and reputation the poem's author. The judge, seems, paid little heed to these ctors. The sentences were cessive, as were some of the marks made by the judge in posing them. There should ave been no question of the agazine's editor facing the ossibility of imprisonment, ither immediate or suspended.

Ought the crime of blasphe- ous libel exist at all? On balance, yes. Many millions of *people in this country are religious*, they hold certain beliefs sacred and elevate certain symbols or individuals to the divine. Vilifying those beliefs to the extent of outrage can be more than a matter between the blasphemer and the insulted. It amounts to an attack on the fundamental decencies and mutual respect on which society operates, and could damage the stability of a community. Allowing total freedom to insult the religious beliefs of others can also have a profoundly adverse effect on the harmony that exists between different groups, particularly, perhaps, where racial and religious divisions go together. Even where racial differences do not exist, Northern Ireland is an example of the real danger that can spring from treating what others hold sacred *with contempt—one of the reasons* one has for permanently distrusting Mr Paisley.

The common law, however, confines the offence of blasphemy to attacks on the Christian religion. Judge King-Hamilton seems to have been wrong in stating that the ambit of the offence was wide enough to encompass similar offensive aspersions on other religions. There is authority to the effect that it is not blasphemy to vilify the Jewish or any other non-Christian religion. It may not have mattered too much until recently that the offence was so narrowly defined. Today, however, substantial minorities of British citizens follow religions other than Christianity, and, indeed, a high proportion of them are devout followers, who would perhaps take even greater exception to deliberately offensive remarks about their gods than would most Christians to similar language about Christ.

If blasphemy is to remain a crime, adherents of the main non-Christian religions should also be entitled to have the benefit of its protection. Where to draw the line could cause difficulties. Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jews would clearly need to be placed on the same footing as Christians. But what of the innumerable minor sects and quasi-religions which have a presence in Britain? The protection should be confined to *major religions and not be extended* to the scientologists or Mr Moon.

There is a danger that the success (subject to appeal) of the *Gay News* prosecution will encourage other individuals and organizations to start similar, *perhaps less reasonably founded*, private prosecutions. There is a temptation to urge that a prosecution should be able to be brought only with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions or Attorney-General. But blasphemy is an offence which depends for its existence on the public's reaction to certain language, and it is right that members of the public should continue to be able to play a part in its prosecution. The Crown should not normally take over such prosecutions, however, as it did in the *Gay News* case. It would then be left to juries to determine the validity of the cases before them, and, by their verdicts, to throw out those which are unmeritorious. The costs sanction should be enough to dissuade all but the most genuine prosecutions.

JAPAN'S POLITICS REMAIN JAPANESE

he ruling Liberal-Democratic arty suffered a setback in last December's general election in Japan, for the first time losing s outright majority over all ther parties. In a lower house, arger by twenty seats than efore, its members were reduced rom 265 to 249. This result led o confident forecasts that were he same loss of support to follow n the upper house election this nonth the effective rule of the arty would be ended and apanese politics would have aken their first major post-war urn. To some extent the decline as gone on, but only by two eats. The Liberal-Democrats can till scrape a majority with the elp of independent conserva- ives in the upper house as they ave done since December in the ower. No major change can et be signalled.

What was overlooked in such xpectations was that the electors n Japan are Japanese, well ccustomed to voting in elections —are they not constantly polled n every subject under the sun? —but much less disposed to hrowing out a party of govern- nent and replacing it by an oppo- ition party unless impelled by ommonly acknowledged circumstances. Nor has there been any party to which they could look as an alternative. For most of the past twenty-five years the Japanese Socialist Party has been the biggest. For a decade it has been losing ground and for good reason: its imported Marxist outlook and rigidly doctrinaire approach to politics has seemed more and more out of keeping with Japanese feeling.

Of the thirty-two seats it held before in the upper house it now has twenty-seven. It is this crumbling of a party that no longer seems fitted to circumstances—as it did thirty years ago in the Roosevelt New Deal atmosphere generated by the occupying American democratizers—that indicates the political change going on in Japan. Witness the more Japanese-rooted parties that did make progress in this election: Komeito, the New Liberal Club breakaway from the Liberal-Democrats and the undoctrinaire Democratic Socialists. As in December the left lost more than the right and both lost to the centre.

Many commentators remarked during the campaign that no *major issues were being* aired by any party. The differences were those of political presentation and style, more than ideology; of moral stance and local affiliation than of proposals for change. One may conclude that Japanese politics maintains a steadiness that owes most to a confident and unbroken sense of national identity and common purpose. This is not a divided society, nor, it should be emphasized, an unsuccessful one. For a decade past the country has been slowly feeling its way towards change but the goals have not yet been formulated and the political arena may not yet be—as in most western democracies — the natural focus of debate.

For the time being Mr Fukuda and the Liberal-Democrats will carry on. Its loss of only two seats was not enough to encourage those such as Mr Miki, the reformist of the party, to challenge the leadership or to open the door to Mr Ohira, Mr Fukuda's likely successor. Despite his poor economic record, disappointing in a previously successful finance minister, Mr Fukuda's party management has been deft and undramatic. Japan politics are still following the same path.

Naval deeds

From Mr Jan Read

Sir, Admiral Brown well deserves the tribute in today's *The Times* (June 28). He was not, however, arrested by the British in the Pacific; his ship was seized by HMS Brazen off Barbados. Brazen was the name and brazen was the deed. It occurred when the two ships were sailing in company to Antigua, where, in Brown's words, Captain Stirling had promised that "he was sure I would obtain permission to repair the Hercules in a British harbour"; and he gained belated redress from an Admiralty court sitting in Antigua.

And why the "infamous" O'Higgins? By any standards O'Higgins was one of the most courageous and disinterested of the Liberators. Again, with all due respect to O'Higgins and the intrepid Lord Cochrane, the Spanish were effectively "chased away" from Chile by the army marched over the Andes at such cost by General José de San Martin.

Yours faithfully,
JAN READ,
18 Lowndes Square, SW1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Blenheim papers

From Lady Spencer-Churchill, and others

Sir, The Blenheim papers, of which the most important are those of John, 1st Duke of Marlborough, have been acquired by Her Majesty's Government in part settlement of Estate Duties. The Government must now decide where these papers shall be housed, since they do not intend to leave them deposited at Blenheim.

We write to express our hope that they may be placed on permanent loan in the new, fireproof and admirably equipped Archives Centre at Churchill College, Cambridge, where all Sir Winston Churchill's papers will be. This Archives Centre is a gift from the American Ambassadors to the Court of St James, or their descendants, over a 50 year period and is the American contribution to the British national memorial to Sir Winston. It already contains some 300 collections of original papers, but it has the capacity to hold many more. It is an officially approved repository of State Papers, with a highly trained archives staff and one of the most skilful conservationists in this country.

We think it fitting that the papers of the great Duke of Marlborough and of his son-in-law Sunderland, should be under the same roof as those of the two other outstanding members of the Spencer-Churchill family, Lord Randolph and Sir Winston. Sir Winston himself would certainly have favoured such an arrangement, and the College already possesses the large collection of Marlborough's letters given to him by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands after the war. They have now also received from Lady Spencer-Churchill a further collection of Marlborough papers which Sir Winston had himself acquired. It seems to us entirely proper that these three collections should be united under one roof with those of Marlborough's most famous descendant.

We seek the influence of your columns in urging Her Majesty's Government to follow a course which is historically appropriate and, in addition, the strongly declared preference of John, Duke of Marlborough's heirs and successors.

We are, Sir, yours faithfully,
CLEMENTINE SPENCER-CHURCHILL,
ANNAN,
OWEN CHADWICK,
WINSTON S. CHURCHILL,
JOHN COLVILLE,
BRIAN DOWNS,
MARLBOROUGH,
J. H. PLUMB,
ROBERT RHODES JAMES,
TODD,
7 Princes Gate, SW7.

The equity market

From Lord Terrington

Sir, I feel sure that your correspondent Mr N. O. Taube (July 12) *will be interested to learn that, in* conjunction with Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, I intend to raise this very subject in the House of Lords on Thursday evening through the medium of an Unstarred Question addressed to Her Majesty's Government.

We propose to draw attention to the need for a healthy market in foreign currency securities in London and to point out the adverse influence of the 25 per cent Surrender requirement on the management of overseas portfolios. No doubt Mr Taube will be awaiting the Government's reply as eagerly as I am.

Yours faithfully,
TERRINGTON,
House of Lords.
July 12.

Tory ideals

From Mr Roger King

Sir, Your leader today (July 5) and Mrs Thatcher are right—as far as you both go. But Mrs Thatcher's list of the manifestations of Victorian social concern contains no reference to agriculture . . . an omission which is all to common amongst our urban orientated leaders.

In 1870 the cause of agriculture in Britain had sunk so low that the *then Board of Agriculture were considering* abandoning it altogether. Since then it has revived somewhat, but amidst two confusions of thought. First, that yield per man is more important than yield per acre and second, that agriculture can be compared with industry . . . an equation which is incorrect and dangerous, since one depends on the rhythm of nature, and the other does not.

The Victorians believed they had something to fight for . . . we do not. But we could have if agriculture and silviculture were given their rightful place in our priorities . . . at the top. Two reforms would make a beginning, and they already apply in Denmark. First, a maximum limit to be placed on the size of farms (probably smaller than we might expect) and second, no farm to be owned by anyone who does not live upon it. Perhaps then we might see an explosion of people deciding their own lives accompanied by regeneration in the countryside. I could fight for that.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER KING,
Hunts Green,
Bradford Road,
Sherborne,
Dorset.

Digital cricket scores

From Mr Ronald Bedford

Sir, Can we not have some kind of "constant scoreboard" for television cricket—on the lines of the digital clock in the top corner used to time Olympic events?

It is most annoying to have constantly to ponder the score, especially when the game is in an exciting phase.

One cannot expect the commentator always to be ticking off the details, or the producer repeatedly to switch to the scoreboard for this important information.

Yours cricket-lovingly,
RONALD BEDFORD,
Flat 3,
61 Stanhope Gardens, SW7.

Keeping theatres alive

From Sir Donald Albery

Sir, *With reference to your report* of the recent Equity meeting in your issue of July 6 and your subsequent leading article commenting on the problems of the larger provincial theatres, July 7, may I make the following comments:

These theatres, not including the value of their sites, would cost three million or more pounds each to replace, and I do not believe that there is any disadvantage in their size if the authorities and others would be realistic as to the nature of the problem which is that at existing prices of admission insufficient revenue can be generated to ensure a regular supply of the kind of show that will tempt people away from their television sets. In my view action should be taken forthwith on the following lines:

1. The Government should immediately relieve the live performing arts of VAT on admission charges. It is completely iniquitous to ensure that Shakespeare, Shaw *and Stoppard and Beethoven, Mozart* and Britten should be taxed whilst multi-million industry of soft and hard porn is let go scot free whilst in other countries it is taxed at 33½ per cent.

2. All theatres housing the live performing arts should have the same rating concession, ie, 50 per cent rebate, as in the case of the subsidized theatre.

3. The top price seats both in the subsidized sector and in the commercial sector in the provinces should be substantially raised in line with inflation. Everything else in a provincial city costs approximately the same as in London whether it is a meal in a restaurant, a taxi cab ride, food or clothing, and the present situation is patently quite ludicrous as no theatre goer of our great provincial cities is going to quibble about a realistic admission charge if we offer him a top quality show, but it is extremely doubtful if he will leave his home at any price if the quality of the attraction is only indifferent or unexciting. This is not an untried formula as approximately 15 years ago when the American touring theatres were in the same predicament, they started a policy of sending our top star quality entertainments at approximately New York prices with the result that national tours became virtually as profitable, and more so in many cases, as a New York run, and star artistes who were previously reluctant to tour became only too pleased to do so.

4. Local authorities should be encouraged to make special grants for modernization and improvement schemes.

5. It should be borne in mind that these large privately owned theatres are not only used by commercial managements, but also by the larger subsidized companies for opera, ballet and dramatic presentations, and it would be far more expensive to the Exchequer to provide suitable alternative venues in the cities concerned than for the Government and the authorities to give the minimum help suggested above.

6. The Government should continue to give generous subsidies to the subsidized sector whether London based companies, touring companies or repertory companies, subject to the condition that the price of admission to the more expensive seats should be adjusted individually and from time to time in line with inflation. This is essential if cooperation between the subsidized sector and the independent sector is to continue to the advantage of the whole nation. The Arts Council has already for some time begun to take a helpful attitude towards the interests of the theatre as a whole. This should be encouraged still further so that the Arts Council will be equally pleased and proud to have helped in whatever way it can to improve and nurture the standards of the live performing arts whether it is in the subsidized sector or otherwise. I know from my personal experience that on many matters the commercial theatre has already received substantial moral support from the Arts Council, and I sincerely hope that the prosperity of the industry generally and the welfare of the artistes and others who work in it will be further enhanced in the future by even greater interest being taken by the Arts *Council and in particular* that they will use all their efforts to see that a fair balance is maintained between the two sectors.

Yours faithfully,
D. ALBERY,
Chairman and Managing Director,
Albery Theatre,
St Martin's Lane, WC2.

Miners in Bolivia

From the President of the National Union of Mineworkers and others:

Sir, In reply to the Bolivian Ambassador's letter of July 4, I would like to clarify a number of points. Following the brutal suppression of the Bolivian tinminers' strike last year and the imprisonment and exile to Chile of their major leaders, the Bolivian miners' union (FSTMB) and the Bolivian TUC invited the British National Union of Mineworkers to send a delegation to Bolivia to visit the mining areas, meet the miners and appraise itself of their problems. The NUM Executive therefore sent a delegation to Bolivia and Chile in April this year. The earlier scheduled visit had to be cancelled when the Chilean Government refused permission for the delegation to enter the country.

The Bolivian Ambassador, whilst avoiding the substantive issues of human rights and trade union freedom which motivated our visit, attacks the NUM for failing to make the delegation's visit public from the outset.

The reasons for this were straightforward. First the Bolivian miners had indicated to the NUM that there would be grave danger of reprisals from the authorities should the miners speak openly to us. Secondly, we had a number of reasons to believe that the delegation would not have been allowed to operate freely.

Marcel Pepin from the CMT in Brussels on a similar mission was expelled from the country in late *1976. In 1975 Father Eric de* Wasseije, a Belgian missionary who had been working with the Justice and Peace Commission in Bolivia, was expelled for publishing details of human rights violations. Even the respected former President of Bolivia, Luis Adolfo Siles, was prevented by the military from talking to the miners on the spot as he wished and forced to return to the capital city.

The delegation did have extensive contacts with the mineworkers' leaders, who had been democratically elected at the Congress of Corocoro in 1976. The delegation did not have discussions with the government-appointed Trade Union National Mining Committee (TUNMC), who were not democratically elected, and are not recognized by the miners themselves.

The NUM was aware of the extraordinary £19 million grant that the British Government was contemplating making available to the Bolivian Government. All the miners and the other Bolivian trade unionists with whom our delegation spoke were adamant that the British Government should not make the aid available until all imprisoned miners were released, all exiled miners allowed to return home unconditionally, until the army were withdrawn from the mines, and until free trade union activities were permitted in the mines once more.

The NUM Executive has endorsed this stand as also has the British TUC and other sectors of the labour movement. We have therefore demanded that these eminently reasonable conditions be attached to the £19 million grant to Bolivia. It is surely the very least that we can expect from a British Labour Government.

We feel that our report accurately reflects the views of Bolivian miners and therefore believe there is no justification for another visit from the NUM at this moment. However, perhaps the Bolivian Ambassador would extend his invitation to a delegation from Amnesty International which, as an international rather than a purely British organization, would I know welcome the opportunity to report on the question of human rights in Bolivia.

Yours faithfully,
On behalf of the National Executive Committee of the National Union of Mineworkers,
JOE GORMLEY, President,
MICHAEL McGAHEY, Vice-President,
LAWRENCE DALY, General Secretary,
222 Euston Road, NW1.
July 7.

British intervention

From Mr C. M. Woodhouse

Sir, For the third time in five years our Government has averted the threat of an invasion of Belize (British Honduras) by the timely dispatch of ground reinforcements with air and naval support.

Why could it not have done the same thing three years ago in Cyprus, whose territorial integrity we also have a treaty obligation to defend?

Yours faithfully,
C. M. WOODHOUSE,
Willow Cottage,
Latimer,
Chesham,
Buckinghamshire.
July 9.

The Cambridge conspiracy

From Dr P. H. Beves

Sir, I had in fact drafted a letter of acknowledgement of your apology (June 29)—half-hearted thanks for a half-hearted apology—when I was blown out of the water by Mr Ryland's fury (July 1). Mr Hennessy's apology (June 30) seemed much more heartfelt. "Handsome" is not the word I would apply to the leader.

Two good things have come out of this evil-that-should-never-have-been. One is the touching way in which umpteen people have sprung up to speak for the long dead Donald, both in private and in public; the other is the manner in which you have doggedly persisted in publishing letters reviling your conduct. This penance adds a good deal to your apology. Where else in the world could such a thing be found?

Much of your readership in general obviously remains insulted by the presentation of the case. One notes sourly that some of the mud flung has stuck to *The Times*: a national institution of immense authority, a repository of history in the making, has been injured by the same blow that injured Donald Beves's reputation. I hope Mr Wansbrough (July 6) will prove correct in the long run.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL H. BEVES,
Tarn,
Bewdley,
Worcestershire.
July 6.

From Mr Peter Oppenheimer

Sir, While appreciating Joe Haines's humour (July 8), I fear that he does his own profession no credit by his failure to recognize the difference between a mistake and a piece of professional misconduct. Perhaps his membership of the Royal Commission on Legal Services will give him an opportunity to clarify his mind on this point over the next year or two.

Yours faithfully,
PETER OPPENHEIMER,
Christ Church,
Oxford.
July 9.

From Mr Stephen Corrin

Sir, If ever you decide to inaugurate an annual prize for the most deflationary letter of the year, Mr Joe Haines's withering retort to Messrs Howard and Oppenheimer (Letters, July 8) should certainly qualify for the first award.

Think about it, Sir.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN CORRIN,
10 Russell Gardens, NW11.
July 8.

Mink as threat to bird life

From Dr W. R. P. Bourne

Sir, Mink which have escaped from fur farms are now one of the commonest predatory animals in Britain, and over 40 are said to have been caught in one trap during one winter at one of our major nature reserves. They have caused even more trouble elsewhere, for example in Iceland, where they are preying on the breeding wildfowl.

In the circumstances it is alarming that the Orkney Islands Council have recently given outline planning permission for the establishment of a mink farm on the island of Westray, which holds the largest seabird *colony in the British Isles after St* Kilda, including over a quarter of a million birds of 19 species, some of which are present throughout the year.

The bird cliffs have been declared a grade I Site of Special Scientific Interest by the Nature Conservancy Council, and those at Noup Head were recently acquired by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds as a nature reserve. Both organizations joined Mr W. Groundwater, author of *The Birds and Mammals of Orkney*, in opposing the application. The local Development Officer, I. Coghill, added the alarming news that there are already two mink farms in Shetland which have so far *caused no trouble*; the chairman commented that this would be a new industry for the islands (presumably supplying additional clothing following the discovery of North Sea oil), pointed out that there were no local objections, and the proposal was accepted.

There is ample experience to show that when such animals are introduced to a country they tend to escape and it is often impossible to get rid of them, as for example occurred when stoats were maliciously introduced into Shetland in the Middle Ages. Current legislation for the control of the introduction of potentially noxious animals into Britain, and different parts of the British Isles, seems entirely inadequate. Both this planning application and the whole situation which could arise surely deserve more scrutiny.

Yours faithfully,
W. R. P. BOURNE,
3 Contlaw Place,
Milltimber,
Aberdeen.
July 7.

The Grunwick dispute

From Lord Duncan Sandys, CH

Sir, In the recent exchanges in Parliament on the Grunwick dispute, a distinction has rightly been made between "picketing" and "demonstrating".

The right to demonstrate peacefully must be preserved. But does this imply that people have a right, day after day, to organize a mass demonstration in the same streets, in order to make the same point over and over again, thereby totally dislocating the life and endangering the safety of the local inhabitants for an indefinite period?

In any amendments to the law, which may be made, this aspect of the problem should not be overlooked.

Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN SANDYS,
House of Lords.
July 12.

From Mr John Derrick

Sir, The Home Secretary told the House of Commons today (July 11) that the number of policemen injured in today's renewed violence at Grunwick was "unacceptable".

What an extraordinary thing to say. It implies that there is an acceptable level of police injury. If Mr Rees is to be an "acceptable" Home Secretary, he will have to be a little more courageous on these occasions.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DERRICK,
Little Orchard,
Sudbrook Lane, Petersham,
Richmond, Surrey.
July 11.

House of Lords reform

From Lady Wooton of Abinger, CH

Sir, Your correspondent David Wood (July 4) has written a somewhat critical article on the so-called Labour Peers' proposals for House of Lords reform.

It should, I think, be made clear that these proposals by no means carry the unanimous assent of the Labour Peers. They are the majority recommendations of the Champion Committee (a minority, myself included, dissenting), and were fully debated at two meetings of the Peers themselves. Unfortunately no vote was taken at either of these meetings for or against the proposals, so it is impossible to say what support they have.

This does not of course mean that the opponents of the Champion plan do not want reform. Some of us advocate reforms of a different character, and some are prepared in your correspondent's words "to put on the black cap and sentence ourselves to death", in the conviction that a reformed unicameral system will prove to *be the only practicable* solution of the present *impasse*.

Yours etc,
WOOTTON OF ABINGER,
House of Lords.
July 6.

The 77 Club

From Mr Robert Lord

Sir, The 7-7-77 index, the subject of the letters of Mr Petgrave-Johnson (July 7) and Mr D. R. Forrester (July 9), extends to international sport.

The cricket test between England and Australia commenced at Old Trafford on 7-7-77, which was the 77th day of the Australians' tour. In the 77th over, K. D. Walters took his score to 77, his partner at the wicket being R. W. Marsh, batting at No 7.

Yours truly,
ROBERT LORD,
Crown Prosecutor's Chambers,
Darlinghurst, NSW.
As from London
July 11.

COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA

July 12: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by the Right Hon Merlyn Rees, MP, (Secretary of State for the Home Department) and Mrs Rees, the Duchess of Grafton, Sir Philip Moore, Mr Russell Wood, Mr Robert Fellowes, Mr Ronald Allison and Major Robin Broke, disembarked from HM Yacht Britannia at Grimsby this morning for the Silver Jubilee Visit to Humberside, South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire.

Having been received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (the Earl of Halifax) and the Chairman, Humberside County Council (Councillor Mrs M. V. Bean), The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to Haverstoe Park and were received by the Mayor of Cleethorpes (Councillor W. A. Altoft).

Her Majesty opened the Scented Garden for the Blind and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

At Grimsby Town Hall Square, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were received by the Mayor (Councillor P. Willing).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness witnessed a Pageant by school children at the Recreation Ground, Brigg, and were received by the Mayor of Glanford (Councillor P. Wood).

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, drove to Doncaster Racecourse and, having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire (Mr Gerard Young), the Chairman, South Yorkshire County Council (Councillor T. Ryan) and the Mayor of Doncaster (Councillor R. V. C. Grainger), honoured the Mayor with her presence at Luncheon.

This afternoon Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited Maltby Comprehensive School, were received by the Mayor of Rotherham (Councillor R. Benton), and viewed youth displays.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were later received at Hillsborough Park, Sheffield, by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield (Councillor Mrs Golding) and drove round displays by Schools and Youth Organizations.

After visiting Cannon Hall, Barnsley, and being received by the Mayor of Barnsley (Councillor J. O. Stanley), Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove through the Park to view displays by young people and welfare organizations.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh joined the Royal Train at Barnsley Station this evening and travelled to Leeds.

Upon arrival at Leeds City Station, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Yorkshire (Brigadier Kenneth Hargreaves) and the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Councillor W. Hudson).

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured the Lord Mayor of Leeds with her presence at Dinner in the Civic Hall and attended a Reception given by the Chairman, West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council (County Councillor H. V. Haddrill) in the Town Hall.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later rejoined the Royal Train.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 12: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the Editorial Departments of *The Sunday Times* and *The Times* Newspapers and was entertained at luncheon by the members of Times Newspapers Limited at New Printing House Square, WC1.

CLARENCE HOUSE

July 12: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at an Exhibition and Reception given by the Royal School of Needlework at the Royal College of Art to mark The Queen's Silver Jubilee.

The Lady Elizabeth Basset and Captain Alastair Aird were in attendance.

The Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded the Lady Jean Rankin as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting of the Victoria League at the Mansion House.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 12: The Duke of Gloucester opened Portobello Green, one of the environmental projects of the London Celebrations Committee for the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

A memorial service for Mr Ormond Adare Haydon-Baillie will be held at St Peter's, Eaton Square, London, SW1, on Friday, July 15, at 3 pm.

The marriage arranged between Baron Marc Burca and Miss Ana Margarita Bianchi will not take place.

Birthdays today

Lord Clark, OM, 74; Admiral Sir Geoffrey Hawkins, 82; Sir Guy Henderson, 80; Sir Henry Jones, 71; Sir Arthur Kirby, 78; Sir Andrew MacTaggart, 89; Brigadier Dame Jean Rivett-Drake, 68; Sir Herbert Seddon, 74; Sir Alexander Williams, 74.

Latest appointments

Mr Jeremy Mitchell, director of Consumer Affairs Office of Fair Trading, to be Director of the National Consumer Council in October, in succession to Mr John Hosker, who is retiring.

Prospective candidates

Mr Ernest Roberts, former assistant general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, has been chosen as prospective parliamentary Labour candidate for Hackney, North and Stoke Newington. At the general election Mr David Weitzman, QC, the Labour MP, who is to retire, had a majority of 10,553 in a six-cornered contest.

Mr Richard Faulkner has been chosen as prospective parliamentary Labour candidate for Huddersfield, West. At the general election, Mr Kenneth Lomas, the Labour MP, who has announced that he will not stand again, had a majority of 1,364 in a five-cornered contest.

Latest wills

Mr Robert Alexander Mundell, of Grange-over-Sands, left £128,255 net. After personal bequests of £30,000, he left the residue to the Cheshire Foundation.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Frame, Mr John Wallace, of Northampton, former chairman of Frames Tours and Bonnington Hotels £116,645

Latham, Mr Kenneth, of Walsall, intestate £120,140

Lunt, Mr Thomas Randle, of Warwick, company director £132,206

Tootill, Dr Mary Gwyneth, of Windermere £153,122

Harlech gold torc leaves Mostyn family for £30,000

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

In 1692 a Bronze Age gold torc was dug up in the garden of Harlech Castle. It has belonged to the Mostyn family ever since and was sold at Christie's yesterday by the present Lord Mostyn for £30,000 (estimate £15,000 to £20,000). The purchaser was Baldwin, a coin dealer, acting for an anonymous client.

The torc, 50 inches of gold bent into a circle, it it dated to about 1200 to 1000 BC and is believed to be made of Irish gold although it is possible that there were already gold mines in Wales at that time. The purpose of such torcs, of which a handful have been recovered in England and Wales, seems obscure. The last important example on the market was the Westminster torc, dug up at Holywell, Flintshire, in 1816. It was sold at Sotheby's in 1956 for £16,500 but weighed 24oz compared with just over 8oz for the Harlech torc.

Its historic excavation adds to the romance of the Harlech torc. It was mentioned in Camden's *Britannia* of 1695 and described as "a wreath'd gold bar of gold . . . about four foot long, flexil, but bending naturally only one way in form of a hat band".

Christie's sale of antiquities made £157,735 with 16 per cent unsold. McAlpine paid £12,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) for an Egyptian black granite head, 11in high, removed from a statue at the Temple of Mut in Asher. An Attic red-figure amphora of the fifth century BC which belonged to Sir William Hamilton's collection in Naples and was engraved by Tischbein made £5,000 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000).

Christie's also held a sale of English and Continental glass which totalled £41,629 with 9 per cent unsold. Tillman paid £20,000 (estimate £7,000 to £10,000) for a cameo vase by George Woodall decorated with mounted jockeys and entitled "Before the race", a nineteenth-century piece. A rare Venetian latticinio tazza of the late sixteenth or early seventeenth century went for £1,450 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000) to Sheppard and Cooper.

A sale of Japanese prints, screens and Chinese paintings at Christie's made £49,560 with 7 per cent unsold. A pair of nineteenth-century two-leaf screens decorated with ducks in a river landscape sold at £5,500 (estimate £800 to £1,200). A sale of Old Master and nineteenth-century drawings at Christie's made £46,877 with around 15 per cent unsold. Nineteenth-century drawings were doing well with a drawing of a young officer in highland dress by the Russian portraitist Alexander Orlowski, inscribed St Petersburg 1825, at £1,400 (estimate £500 to £600).

The puzzle of the day at Sotheby's was a sale of tribal art, which totalled £119,650 with 45 per cent, or 107 out of 199 lots, unsold. The market in this field was thought by dealers to be quite buoyant. Two explanations were put forward: the auctioneer went so fast that no one had time to make bids, and the threat of American import restrictions on items that cannot be proved to have left their country of origin legally. Nevertheless there were a couple of high prices. A Benin bronze plaque made £10,500 (estimate £10,000) and an Ashira-Bapanu wood mask £9,000 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000).

Sotheby's sale of English pottery and porcelain made £44,570, with 18 per cent unsold. Amor paid £4,200 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) for an early Worcester vase with *famille rose* decoration. A sale of Victorian seascapes, ship models and navigational instruments at Sotheby's Belgravia made £119,364, with 4 per cent unsold. Paintings contributed most of the total, with "Bragozzi on the Lagoon" by Edward William Cooke at £3,500 (estimate £3,000 to £6,000).

Mrs Young: Mrs Elizabeth Young, who bought miniatures at Southeby's on Monday, wishes to state that she was acting in a personal capacity and was not representing the African Medical and Research Foundation, or any member of the medical profession.

The Prince of Wales with senior executives of 'The Times' yesterday when he visited editorial departments at New Printing House Square, London.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. B. Crewe and Miss S. R. Nuttall

The engagement is announced between Graham Barrington, younger son of Kenneth and Dorothy Crewe, of Westwold, Blundellsands, Liverpool; and Sarah Roe, second daughter of Anne Nuttall and the late Donald Nuttall, of Beehive Farm, Mobberley, Cheshire.

Mr R. H. Gane and Mrs E. Gaymer

The engagement is announced between Richard H. Gane, of Waldron, Silverdale Avenue, Walton on Thames, Surrey, and Elizabeth Gaymer, of Winkfield Place, Windsor, Berkshire.

Dr A. J. Gilchrist and Miss M. A. Porter

The engagement is announced between Alan John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Gilchrist, of Edmonton, Canada, and Mary Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Porter, of Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Mr C. M. Davies and Miss L. A. Blakeway

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place on October 1 between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs R. S. Davies, of Rivermead Cottage, Shiplake-on-Thames, and Lucy, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs R. A. Blakeway, of Culverlea House, Lymington.

Mr M. B. J. Hamilton and Miss P. C. L. Rieu

The engagement is announced between Marcus, only son of the late Leofwin Hamilton and of Mrs Leofwin Hamilton, of 8 Royal Parade, Bayshill Road, Cheltenham, and Paula, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Rieu, of Broad Street House, Canterbury.

Mr J. S. P. Milner-Barry and Miss S. J. Pitt-Brown

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Captain P. J. Milner-Barry, RN, and Mrs Milner-Barry, of Chalkpit Cottage, Ipsden Heath, Oxfordshire, and Shirley, daughter of Air Commodore William Pitt-Brown (Retired) and Mrs Pitt-Brown, of 101 Earl's Court Road, Kensington, London, W8.

Mr P. R. Moore and Miss A. J. Bruce

The marriage will take place in Alton, Hampshire, on July 23 between Paul Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Moore, of Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincolnshire, and Alison Jean, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bruce, of Holybourne, Alton.

Mr A. M. J. Pattinson and Miss M. A. Thomson

The engagement is announced between Alan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Walter F. Pattinson, of Folkestone, and Marie (Kitty), daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Keith Thomson, of Lower Kenfield House, Petham, Canterbury, Kent.

Mr J. Ramsay and Miss C. Forrester

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. G. A. Ramsay, of Englefield Green House, Surrey, and Claire, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs P. G. Forrester, of 5 West Road, Wharley End, Cranfield, Bedfordshire.

Marriages

Mr N. Banszky and Miss E. Wernly

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 9, at Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, London, between Mr Nicholas Banszky, son of the late Dr Laszlo Banszky and Mrs Woodrow Wyatt, of 19 Cavendish Avenue, London, NW8, and Miss Eve Wernly, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Wernly, of 52 Albert Court, London, SW7.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Wendy Todd and Petronella Wyatt. Mr Robert Lyle was best man.

A reception was held at the Anglo-Belgian Club, 6 Belgrave Square, SW1.

Mr P. J. G. Addington and Miss R. A. Lamb

The marriage took place on July 9, at All Saints' Church, Wardour, Wiltshire, between Mr Peter Addington, son of the Hon R. T. Addington and the late Mrs Addington, of Highway, Calne, and Miss Rosemary Lamb, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Lamb, of Knighton Manor, Broadchalke, Salisbury. Father the Hon Raleigh Addington, Dom Hilary Steuert, OSB, who gave an address, Dom Martin Salmon, OSB, and Father J. Tranmar, SJ, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father was attended by Miss Penelope Lamb and Miss Edwina Addington. Mr Francis Addington was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J. P. C. Hawkesworth and Miss E. A. Sparke

The marriage took place yesterday in the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, of Mr John Philip Cemaes Hawkesworth, son of Mr and Mrs John Hawkesworth, of Fishponds House, Knossington, Oakham, Rutland, and Miss Elizabeth Anne Sparke, daughter of the late Captain M. E. B. Sparke and Mrs Sparke, of the Old Rectory, Letheringsett, Norfolk. The Rev R. T. J. K. Wood, Chaplain to the Household Division, officiated, assisted by the Rev Matthew Griffiths, Vicar of Newport, Pembrokeshire.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her cousin, Major J. A. Warre, was attended by Nicola Rawlinson, Georgina Tate, Zoë Turner, Harry and Polly Sowerby. Mr Antony Roupell was best man.

A reception was held at the Naval and Military Club. The honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Archaeology report

Cirencester: Roman tilemakers

Recent discoveries in Cirencester have thrown new light on various aspects of tile-making in Britain during the Roman era. The discoveries are of more than 50 tiles stamped with the maker's name or with an abbreviated form of his name. The newly discovered stamped tiles came from two houses that were excavated a few years ago; but the implications of the stamps have only just been appreciated.

The number of such stamps from the Cirencester region exceeds 230, and the local geographical distribution of the stamps is yielding some interesting information about marketing patterns. If all the tiles bearing the same stamp were made at the same place, then it would appear that heavy clay roofing and wall tiles travelled as far as 50 miles.

A majority, however, were for a very local market; of the 230 tiles, 140 have been found in Cirencester, indicating that the development of this semi-industrial craft owed much to the presence and growth of the Roman city there.

The stamps found so far recorded are difficult to expand; but the letters are almost certainly abbreviated forms of the maker's name, or that of the owner of the works or land on which the tiles were made. Six stamps, for example, form a group, containing the letters TPF, either on their own or with additional letters such as A, B, C and P. Those letters seem to indicate different workshops of the same firm, that is, the firm whose name was TPF. Other stamps include TCM, VLA, LHS, LLH, LLQ, and two that are obviously names, ARVERI and IVC DIGNI.

It is possible that in the Roman period there were itinerant brickmakers, as in more recent times, who travelled about making and stamping bricks wherever they could sell them. In order to check whether that was the case or whether the brickmakers worked in one place and transported tiles over long distances, a programme of research is being undertaken, with the cooperation of the archaeology department of Southampton University involving a close and detailed study of the clay from which the tiles were made to see if its origin can be found.

Research into the making and distribution of tiles and bricks in Roman Britain has been neglected during the past twenty or thirty years even though virtually every Roman site produces evidence of the craft. The work at Cirencester is showing what can be achieved by a detailed examination of the tiles. Eventually, as a result of the work done at Cirencester, it will be possible to say more about the making of tiles in Britain as a whole.

By Alan McWhirr, Cirencester Excavation Committee and Leicester Polytechnic.

Sweet peas predominate at colourful RHS show

By Our Horticultural Correspondent

The Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall at Westminster is filled with a colourful display of trade and competitive exhibits for the RHS flower show, fruit and vegetable competition, the RHS lily group competition and the hardy flower competition. In addition there are the British National Carnation Society's competition, the Delphinium Society's competition and the National Sweet Pea Society's national competition.

A gold medal has been awarded to John Mattock who has staged 100 varieties of roses introduced, and still in commerce, during the years of the Queen's reign from 1952 to 1977.

A second gold medal has been awarded to the National Sweet Pea Society's exhibit. Three of the best new varieties are 'Cream Beauty', yellow, 'Blue Triumph', deep lavender, and 'Troubadour', red.

A gold medal in the Lindley class has been awarded to Alan C. Smith for a comprehensive display of sempervivums grown in pans. The RHS committees made the following awards to plants.

First class certificate: Dianthus 'George Payne', cream and red, N. J. Sinister, Birmingham. Awards of Merit: Eryngium bourgatii, blue, the Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; Columnea [illegible], orange and yellow, Begonia Orange Rubra, orange, and Hoya carnosa purpurea [illegible], crimson, L. Maurice Mason, King's Lynn; Dendrobium Tilgates, purple shade, Phalaenopsis Ltd, Tilgates.

Sweet Peas predominate at the show, the good weather of the last week having brought the flowers to perfection.

Leading prizewinners in the National Sweet Pea Society competitions are:

Clay Cup for best vase: J. Pratt, Nuneaton. A. W. Gower Seedling Cup for best vase in seedlings division: B. R. Jones, Warwick. Cynthia Davis Cup open to members with not more than 500 plants: Mrs C. Cantwell, Basingstoke. Warwick Cup for members with not more the 250 plants: E. Farmer, Leamington Spa. Randall Cup open to novices: Miss C. Williams, Fairford. E. W. King Cup, three vases distinct: A. Harrison, Hinckley. W. E. Alsop Novelty Challenge Cup, one vase, one variety: B. R. Jones, Warwick. Unwin Novelty Class, one vase of 15 stems: F. Pellipher, Coventry. Sutton Special Class, one vase Elizabeth Collins: A. Berry, Wolverhampton. E. R. Jones Vase Class, one vase of flowers and foliage: J. Christopherson, Leicester. Burloot Trophy, collection of sweet peas: G. B. Newby-Vincent, Hereford. "Daily Mail" Permanent Challenge Cup for 12 vases distinct: J. Pratt, Nuneaton. Sutton Perpetual Challenge Cup, nine vases distinct: A. J. Boucher, Isle of Wight. Carter Perpetual Challenge Cup, six vases distinct, and Burpee Perpetual Challenge Cup, three vases distinct: W. Harrison, Hinckley. Hammett Cup, vase picotee, striped, bicolour or fancy: A. Harrison, Hinckley. Davis Cup, for members growing 500 plants or fewer, nine vases distinct: R. Cordery, East Clandon. Robert Bolton Cup, six vases distinct, and Lexington Trophy, three vases distinct, for members growing 500 plants or less: Mrs Cantwell, Basingstoke. M. K. Franks Perpetual Challenge Cup, six vases distinct, for members with not more than 250 plants: D. J. Fuller, Great Yarmouth. Monro Perpetual Challenge Trophy, for members with not more than 250 plants, three vases distinct: R. G. Horwood, Wingrave. George Herbert Cup, novices, six vases distinct: K. Bailey, New Malton. Evan Hince Cup, novices, three vases distinct: A. D. Hannam, Isle of Wight.

The competition classes in the lily group are poorly attended. Also poorly attended are the classes for the RHS hardy plant competition. Leading prizewinners are:

Three different herbaceous flowers: Mrs W. V. Bowie, Twyford. Six different herbaceous flowers: Mrs M. M. J. Butler, Surbiton.

Leading prizewinners in the RHS Fruit and Vegetable competition are:

Three kinds of fruit (restricted and unrestricted classes): E. R. May, Worcester Park; three raspberry varieties: A. Aird, Hampstead; two redcurrant varieties: S. Corps, Surbiton. Display of six kinds of saladings: A. Scott, Fulham; collection of four kinds of vegetables: E. R. Clarke, Sittingbourne; collection of six kinds of vegetables: F. A. Edwards, Portslade.

The British National Carnation Society summer show competitive classes are well attended. Leading prizewinners are:

Pinks, Marquis Cup: J. Radcliffe, Romford. Border carnations: Gilbert Greenhalgh Trophy for five vases and Will Drake Memorial Challenge Cup for one vase, five blooms: C. C. G. King, Orpington. Lady Hudson Challenge Cup, five vases: T. Jackson, Byfleet. J. C. Lockwood Challenge Cup, one vase: E. Dungey, Luton. R. Thain Memorial Challenge Cup, most points in seven bloom classes: C. C. G. King, Orpington. Lockwood Challenge Cup, three vases, and Martin Smith Memorial Challenge Cup, three blooms: E. Dungey, Luton. J. B. Wells Trophy (amateurs): R. Totty, Worcester Park. John Charrington and H. L. Flindt Cup (novices): P. Russell, Marlow. Wilkinson Picotee Challenge Cup (picotees for amateurs): N. Sinister, Birmingham. Allwood Challenge Cup for affiliated societies: Orpington Society.

Perpetual Flowering Carnations. Bentley Challenge Cup single blooms, and George Munro Silver Gilt Challenge Cup, one vase: A. Healey, Exeter. Howard de Walden Trophy, three blooms, and P. C. Henderson Challenge Trophy, single blooms: L. Pye, Enfield. Hedley Turner Novice Challenge Cup (novices): N. Overington, Evesham. G. E. R. Challenge Cup, seedling: Woodfield Bros, Stratford on Avon. W. S. Wallace Memorial Challenge Cup six scented blooms: R. Coggan, Chessington. H. T. Mason Memorial Challenge Trophy, British-raised carnation not in commerce: E. Aikman, Catford.

Leading prizewinners in the Delphinium Society's July competition are:

Sewell vase for highest aggregate of points and the Society's Bronze medal for seedling spike: C. R. Edwards, Seer Green. Mary Pope Trophy, for exhibitor of the best spike: J. Thirkell, Canterbury.

The show is open today from 10 am to 5 pm.

Dinners

Prosecuting Solicitors' Society of England and Wales

The President of the Prosecuting Solicitors' Society of England and Wales, Mr David Gandy, the vice-president and the council were hosts at a dinner held in the Law Society's Hall last night. The guests included:

Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Wigoder, QC, Sir Michael Havers, QC, MP, Sir David Napley, Sir James Haughton, Dr Shirley Summerskill, MP, Mr R. T. Armstrong, Mr T. C. Hetherington, Mr N. F. Cairncross, Mr R. D. L. Du Cann, QC, Mr W. D. T. Hodgson, QC, Mr G. A. MacDonald, Mr P. Sieghart and Mr A. J. E. Brennan.

Gunmakers' Company

The Master of the Gunmakers' Company, Mr L. P. D. Salter, and the Wardens, Air Commodore and Alderman the Hon P. B. R. Vanneck, and Mr C. H. Lawrence, entertained the livery and their ladies at dinner at Carpenters' Hall yesterday. Major D. T. H. Davenport proposed the toast of the company and Mrs R. Akehurst replied to the toast of the ladies.

Eton Dinner: H. Brinton's

The annual dinner of H. Brinton's old boys was held last night at Boodle's. Lord Clitheroe was in the chair.

Luncheon

Lord Janner

Lord and Lady Janner gave a luncheon party at the House of Commons yesterday on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. The guests were:

Lord Aylestone, Lord and Lady Morris of Kenwood, Lord and Lady Thomson of Monifieth, Sir Harold and Lady Thompson, Mrs Roy Jenkins, the Hon Greville Janner, QC, MP, and Mrs Janner, Dr and Mrs Walter Somerville, Mr and Mrs John Strachan and Dr and Mrs A. S. Rudd.

Receptions

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr Evan Luard, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Lord Harlech, Chairman of the Kennedy Memorial Trust, were hosts at a reception held at 1 Carlton Gardens last night in honour of the Kennedy Memorial Trust Scholars.

English-Speaking Union

The English-Speaking Union held a reception at Dartmouth House last night for overseas students and participants attending Commonwealth Youth Enterprise 1977.

25 years ago

From The Times of July 12, 1952

From Our Special Correspondent

Chicago, July 11. — General Eisenhower was nominated as Republican candidate for the presidency on the first ballot this morning, and some hours later it was announced that Senator Lodge would propose Senator Nixon of California as candidate for Vice-President when the session reconvened this afternoon. This announcement meant that Mr Nixon was the General's choice and ensured his nomination without opposition. The first ballot took nearly an hour and the convention became more and more tense as it became apparent that General Eisenhower might just get the necessary 604 votes, but when it finished he was still nine short of victory. However, delegates are allowed to change their votes before the final totals are announced by the chairman, and it was seen at once that something was stirring among the Minnesotans, 19 of whom had voted for Mr Stassen.

Memorial service

Earl Fortescue

A memorable service for Earl Fortescue was held in Westminster Abbey yesterday. The Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev Edward Carpenter, officiated, assisted by the Rev Roger Job, precentor and sacrist. Canon David Edwards read the lesson and the Right Rev Cuthbert Bardsley gave an address. Among those present were:

Sybil Countess Fortescue (widow), Earl and Countess Fortescue, the Hon Martin and Mrs Fortescue and the Hon Seymour and Mrs Fortescue (sons and daughters-in-law), Wing Commander Gordon and Lady Bridget Sinclair (son-in-law and daughter), Viscount and Viscountess Ebrington, Lady Celia Fortescue, Lady Laura Fortescue, Lady Sarah Fortescue, Mr John Fortescue, Miss Georgina Fortescue, Anthony Fortescue, Miss Fiona Sinclair, Joanna Sinclair and Robert Sinclair (grandchildren), Earl and Countess St Aldwyn, Lady Margaret Fortescue, Sir Seymour Egerton, Brigadier and Mrs A. Fortescue, Miss Diana Fortescue, Sister Margaret Johanna, Mrs H. Garnett, Miss Lilah Fortescue.

The Earl and Countess of Stradbroke, Viscount Ridley, Lord and Lady Dulverton, Lord Killearn, Lady Hailes, the Hon Mrs Carnegie, the Hon Mrs A. S. Casey, the Hon Mrs K. Stourton, the Hon Mrs Verney, Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, Major Sir John Wiggin, Sir Denis and the Hon Lady Stucley, Lady Holman, Lady Ross, Major A. Akers-Douglas, Mrs Patrick Arbuthnot, Colonel and Mrs P. Arkwright, Mr C. J. Barton, Mr and Mrs N. A. Campbell, Major-General and Mrs W. A. Fox-Pitt, Miss S. Fox-Pitt, Major and Mrs J. B. Gordon-Duff, Mr R. Girouard, Mrs E. Hills, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs G. S. Incledon-Webber, Mr and Mrs Donald Sinden, Mr J. K. Swire, Mr J. Windsor-Lewis, Mrs E. J. Wilbraham, Mr and Mrs H. D. H. Wills, Mr and Mrs E. W. E. Andrewes, Mr and Mrs R. N. Barclay, Mrs A. B. Blewitt, Mr R. Charrosin, Mr R. Cowan, Mr N. Coby, Mr J. D. Davidson, Mr and Mrs Richard Falkiner, Mr P. G. Foster, Mr D. K. F. Heathcote, Mr and Mrs C. R. V. Holt, Mrs E. Henderson, Miss V. Johnstone, Mrs R. A. Lloyd, Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Lord, Mr G. R. D. Lord, Mrs Peter Lloyd, Mr and Mrs John Shepherd-Barron, Miss Virginia Murray, Miss L. Newman, Mr and Mrs J. G. Paice, Mrs R. M. Price, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs H. D. Ryder, Miss J. Rolls, Mr and Mrs D. Sutherland, Mr A. W. Stephenson, Mr and Mrs J. A. Sowrey, Mrs P. R. Stephenson, Mr G. Seebohm, Mr and Mrs H. Woodhouse, Mr A. Woodhouse, Mrs W. R. West, Mr J. R. Waley, Mr J. Wells, Mr and Mrs Frank Woodgate and Mr and Mrs F. Whitwell.

Meeting

Victoria League

Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, president, was present at the seventy-sixth annual general meeting of the Victoria League held at the Mansion House yesterday. The Lord Mayor of London presided, and the speaker was Mr Harold Macmillan, OM.

Chess finals

Paisley Grammar School, the Blue Coat School, Liverpool, Bristol Grammar School, and Glyn Grammar School, Ewell, Surrey, the four surviving teams in *The Sunday Times* National Schools Chess Tournament, will take part in the final stages of the competition on Friday and Saturday at St Ermin's Hotel, Caxton Street, Westminster.

Today's engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrive Wakefield Station, 10; Harrogate, 12.10; Humberside, 4.40.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits gardens in Wandsworth and Richmond upon Thames, starting at 5.

The Duke of Kent visits ICI, Teesside, 11.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, National Society for Cancer Relief, opens Michael Sobell House, society's continuing care unit, Mount Vernon Hospital, 11.

Princess Alexandra opens Itchen Bridge, Southampton, 11.15; visits Netley Waterside House holiday centre for severely disabled, 2.45.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR LOREN EISELEY

Work on theory of evolution

Professor Loren C. Eiseley, the American anthropologist, has died at the age of 69. He was Benjamin Franklin Professor of Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania, and was the author of many books dealing with the place of man in the universe from a Darwinian standpoint. Among the most notable of these were *The Immense Journey* (1957); *The Mind as Nature* (1962); *The Invisible Pyramid* (1970); and *The Night Country* (1971).

Eiseley attended the university of Nebraska as a zoology student but left to travel around the United States aboard freight cars. Later he returned to Nebraska and took his degree in anthropology. *The Immense Journey* which sold half a million copies established his reputation as an investigator of human evolution and he became known internationally as an authority on Darwin's theories.

He received his Master's and Doctor's degrees from Pennsylvania University and was, in 1971, elected to the United State's National Institute of Arts and Letters.

LT-COL SIR HOWARD KERR

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Howard Kerr, KCVO, CMG, OBE, who was Equerry to the Duke of Gloucester from [illegible] to 1946, died on July 11. Born in 1894 he was educated at [illegible] Canada College, Montreal, and Trinity College, Cambridge. He joined the 11th Hussars in 1914 and served throughout the First World War. He was ADC to Viscount Fitzalan of Derwent, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1921-22. Later he accompanied the Duke on visits to Australia and Japan, and during the Second World War toured Gibraltar, the Middle East and India with him. He was Comptroller from 1946 to 1950 when he retired from the Army and Extra Equerry from 1950 to 1974.

He was made an OBE in 1922; MVO in 1929; CMG in 1935; CVO in 1942; and KCVO in 1948. He married Christina, daughter of Arthur Ram. They had three sons.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL A. F. LANG

Group Captain Adrian Cocks writes:

There is, I think, one, if not *the* most important point in Air Vice-Marshal Lang's career which has not been mentioned in your obituary notice, namely his foresight and determination to see a radar training school established somewhere outside Britain during the last war.

Early in 1941 we had only two such schools in this country, both of only modest size, both liable to bombing and at a time when radar was playing an increasingly vital part in our war effort, both on the ground and in the air. Lang, at that time a Group Captain, was DD of S 4 at Air Ministry. Soon after I had been posted to his staff in early 1941 he came into the office one evening and pointing a finger at me, he said: "I'm off to Canada next week and you're coming too."

We went. Within 48 hours of disembarking at Montreal, a site for the school had been chosen in Western Ontario and within 72 hours the contract had been let for the building of a radar school, to train RCAF personnel. Within 10 weeks, the installation of radar equipment from the United Kingdom began, the permanent staff of the school being a mixture of RAF and RCAF, and within 14 weeks training began.

It was again typical of Lang's foresight that as soon as the radar equipment was installed at Clinton, Ontario, he arranged in Washington for batches of personnel from *all* branches of the United States armed forces to be sent to Clinton (where I was the first Station Commander) for short radar courses, at a time when the USA had not yet entered the war and had negligible radar training facilities of their own.

During this early school phase, it was my duty to make occasional visits to Lang in his Signals Directorate at BAC Washington, where he had, as his Personal Assistant, a young WAAF officer. I married her. Lang came up from Washington a number of times to visit "his" school, the last time being the occasion of my farewell dinner after two years of headmastership. I believe that, in the days of flying boats, Lang successfully led a flight or squadron all the way to Singapore and back, a feat of no mean distinction.

He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Randle Starkey, second Baronet, died on July 10 at the age of 77. He was High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire in 1954, a Deputy Lieutenant, county councillor and, from 1949-58, alderman. A barrister, he was vice-chairman of Nottinghamshire quarter sessions 1949-62, and a member of the Trent River Board and its successor, the Trent River Authority.

Mr Bernard St John Newton, CIE, who was Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department of Central Provinces and Berar (India) from 1943 to 1946, died on July 5 at the age of 87. He was made a CIE in 1945.

Mr Herbert William Spencer, CBE, who was an assistant secretary in the Ministry of Works from 1940 to 1948, died on July 9. He was made a CBE in 1948.

Dr Bernardo Reyes, the Mexican Ambassador to Portugal, died on July 3 at the age of 73.

University news

The following examination results have been issued at Cambridge University:

* Denotes distinction.

FINAL VETERINARY EXAMINATION PART 1

1, Animal pathology and microbiology; 2, Veterinary parasitology (including protozoology); 3, Animal health and production.

N. R. D. Anthony, 123, Cheltenham C and Emm; P. N. Atkinson, 123, Loughborough GS and Jesus; Mrs S. M. Baker, 12*3, Didcot GS and Girton; R. Baldwin, 123, K George V, Southport and Trin; R. E. Baughan, 123*, H. Box S, and Girton; D. J. S. Bearder, 123, Presdales and New H; H. A. Best, 13, Roundhay and Cath; A. P. T. Birch, 123, Imperial C and Joh; D. P. Buckland, 12*3, Pocklington and Emm; M. H. Bull, 123, K Henry VIII, Coventry, and Cath; D. S. Cottom, 123, Ashton in Makerfield GS and Girton; B. J. Donaldson, 12*3, Walthamstow H and Newn; S. A. Estcourt, 12, Battersea GS and Sidney; S. J. Hall, 123, Wallington HS and Cath; T. J. Hall, 123, Durham Univ and Trin; J. C. Harrison, 123, Marlborough and Joh; A. R. Higgins, 123, Sherborne and Jesus; T. C. Holford, 123, Sir T. Rich's S and Emm; C. M. Horton, 123, Abbey, Reading, and Girton; P. S. Ikin, 123, Exeter and Joh; J. B. Knott, 13, Imperial C and Churchill.

M. G. Langer, 123, Ratcliffe C and Queens'; C. M. Ling, 23, Newcastle Univ and Lucy C; C. J. Lord, 123, Farnham GS and Trin H; T. R. Mainland, 123, Newcastle RGS and Cath; P. R. Manning, 13, Tunbridge Wells Tech HS and Joh; R. H. Mitchell, 123, Liverpool Univ and Wolfson; G. J. Newman, 123, Latymer Upper and Magd; J. R. Owen-Thomas, 3, Dean Close and Magd; M. V. Pampanini, 23, Winchester and Magd; C. M. S. Pearson, 123, Rugby and Magd; F. J. Porter, 1*2*3*, Haywards Heath GS and New H; J. E. Prior, 1*2*3, Felsted and Magd; D. H. Rees Evans, 123, Univ of N Wales and Wolfson; A. J. Smith, 123, Haileybury and Magd; J. L. Steel, 123, Stamford, Univ and Magd; M. Tremain, 123, Buckhurst Hill HS and Cath; E. D. B. Way, 123, Marlborough and Magd; R. N. Wayne-Smith, 3, Bromley C of Adv Tech and Queens'; D. de B. Welchman, 123*, Monkton Combe and Queens'; R. K. Whitworth, 123, Hurstpierpoint and Cath; M. K. Wilkes, 123, Cambs HS and Girton; I. C. Winter, 123, Newcastle RGS and Trin; I. M. Wright, 1*2*3*, K Edward VI, Lichfield and Trin.

FINAL MB EXAMINATION PART 1 PATHOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY

A, pathology; B, pharmacology.

R. P. Allen, A.B, Norwich and Trin; T. G. Dolan, B, Dulwich C and Joh; R. F. Drucker, A, Minchenden and Sidney; S. R. Eminson, A; J. Leggott, VIth Form C and Clare; D. A. Fung, A.B, Malvern and Trin H; P. T. S. Gregory, B, Eton and Joh; J. S. Grenville, A, Repton and Down; S. M. Griffiths, A, N London Colls and New H; J. N. D. Heap, A, Hurstpierpoint and Magd; A. M. Hutson, B, Kimbolton and Corpus; R. H. Jinnah, B, Epsom C and King's; P. M. Kaye, B, Pocklington and Clare; M. C. Kemp, B, N London Colls and New H; L. J. Lang, B, Bl Wordsworth's S and Down; P. R. Leigh, B, Haberdashers' Aske's and Jesus; S. L. Lewis, B, Llandovery C and Joh; H. A. Lupton, B, Dartington H and New H; S. P. Nash, B, Cheadle Hulme and Fitzw; M. B. Pierce, A, Qu Elizabeth GS, Alford and Girton; C. M. Richards, B Newnham C, and Lucy C; B. C. Saunders, B, mature student and Magd; O. H. Stanley, A.B, Eton and Trin; A. V. Thurston, B, Haileybury and Pemb; C. R. Williams, A.B, Bridgend Gr Tech and Clare.

PART 2, PHYSICS, SURGERY AND OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

A, physics; B, surgery; C, obstetrics and gynaecology.

M. Ahmed, AB, Lord Weymouth S and Clare; C. G. A. Aiken, ABC, Harrow and Queens'; A. M. Anscombe, ABC, Sedbergh and Caius; D. Armstrong, ABC, Trinity S, Carlisle, and Churchill; C. A. Austin, ABC, Shrewsbury and Pemb; A. R. Baker, ABC, Shrewsbury and Pemb; M. K. Bancroft-Livingston, ABC, Stonyhurst and Magd; J. N. Barnes, ABC, Woodbridge and Cath; C. E. Baron, ABC, Frome GS and Queens'; J. F. J. Bayliss, ABC, King's C London, and Pemb; C. C. R. Bishop, A, Stonyhurst and Magd; S. Brearley, ABC, Liverpool C and Caius; S. W. Brown, ABC, East Ham GS and King's; R. M. Buchdahl, AC, The Leys and Caius; Mrs R. M. Buckley, ABC, Truro Co GS and Girton; J. D. Buckmaster, C, Canford and Selw; C. S. Bull, ABC, Harwich Co HS and Jesus; A. Cannie Parola, ABC, St Michael's C, Leeds, and Jesus; M. I. Carter, ABC, Charterhouse and Queens'; J. Choyce, A, Stowe and Joh; K. A. Christiansen, ABC, Chislehurst and Sidcup GS and Joh; M. D. Claridge, ABC, City of Norwich S. and Fitzw; J. A. C. Cobb, ABC, St Albans GS and Newn; C. M. Colley, AC, K Edward VII, Sheffield, and Caius; R. C. A. Collinson, AB, Epsom C and Caius; [illegible]

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OBITUARY

PROFESS LOREN EISELE

Work on th of evolut

Professor Loren the American and has died at the age was Benjamin Fran sor of Anthropolo University of Penns was the author of dealing with the pla in the universe from winian standpoint, most notable of these Immense Journey (1 Mind as Nature (1 Invisible Pyramid (1 The Night Country (1

Eiseley attended sity of Nebraska a student but left to the United States al cars. Later he Nebraska and took in anthropology. Journey which sold lion copies establish putation as an inte human evolution and known internationally authority on Darwin

He received his Doctor's degrees from vania University and 1971, elected to the State's National Inst Arts and Letters.

LT-COL SI HOWARD K

Lieutenant-Colonel Howard Kerr, KC OBE, who was Equer Duke of Gloucester to 1946, died on July 1894 he was educated Canada College, Mont Trinity College, Cam joined the 11th Hussa and served throug First World War. He to Viscount Fitzalan went. Lord Lieutenan land in 1921-22 accompanied the visits to Australia and during the Second War toured Gibraltar dle East and India He was Comptroller to 1950 when he re the Army and Equ from 1950 to 1974.

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AIR VICE-MA A. F. LA

Group Captain A writes:

There is, I think, the most important Vice-Marshal Lang which has not been in your obituary his foresight and to see a radar established some Britain during the

Early in 1941 two such schools in try, both of only both liable to bom time when radar an increasingly our war effort, be ground and in the at that time a Group was DD of S 4 at Air Soon after I had to his staff in early came into the office ing and pointing at me, he said: "I'm off next week and you're too."

We went. Within 48 disembarking at Montreal for the school had in Western Ontario and 72 hours the contract let for the building of school, to train RCAF nel. Within 10 weeks stallation of radar e from the United King gan, the permanent school being a mixture and RCAF, and within training began.

It was again typical foresight that as soon radar equipment was at Clinton. Once arranged in Washington batches of personnel branches of the United armed forces to be sent ton (where I was Station Commander) radar courses, at a the USA had not yet the war and had no radar training facilities own.

During this early phase, it was my duty occasional visits to Air Signals Directorate Washington, where I his Personal Assistant, WAAF officer. I must Lang came up from ton a number of times "his" school, the being the occasion of well dinner after two beadmastership. I had in the days of Air Lang successfully led nr squadron all the Singapore and back, no mean distinction.

He leaves a widow daughter.

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Monopolies panel to study effect of manufacturers' discount offers to retailers

Derek Harris
mmercial Editor

Manufacturers' and other ppliers' practices in offering ying discounts to different tailers are to be investigated the Monopolies and Merger s Commission.

Discounting methods in the tailing of bread, petrol and me groceries and furniture ve all recently attracted verse comment for a variety reasons. The Monopolies mmission itself has criticized scount practices in the zen food sector.

The commission has now en asked by Mr Hattersley, ecretary of State for Prices d Consumer Protection, to ess the effect on the public erest of the practice of me retailers obtaining larger counts than those available others.

It is those areas where the ferences are not wholly tributable to savings in a pplier's costs that Mr Hattersley is anxious to pinpoint.

Mr Robert MacLennan, nder Secretary of State at e Department, who nnounced the move to the ommons, said that it had een felt for some time that ore information was needed bout the extent of the effects f variable discounting.

It was only in May this year that Britain's "big three" baking concerns—Allied Bakers, Spillers-French and Ranks Hovis McDougall—gave undertakings to the Restrictive Practices Court that they would never again operate trade discount pacts limiting the ability of supermarkets and multiple retailers to pass on lower bread prices to customers. It was claimed that the agreements were of a minor nature.

The Monopolies Commission, in its report last November on the supply of frozen food, found that a monopoly situation existed through Unilever supplying at least a quarter of all frozen goods, mainly through its Birds Eye subsidiary. There was no adverse comment about Birds Eye's general level of prices, nor were profits thought excessive, but the commission criticized some discounting practices.

The commission recommended that Birds Eye be debarred from giving discounts to retailers for reserving space in freezer cabinets provided other suppliers also dropped the practice.

There has been criticism from some petrol retailers that, while suppliers have insisted in their case on long-term contracts, supermarkets have been able to buy spot supplies at a discount. This allows the stores to sell from the forecourt at less than it costs the complaining garages to buy from the same oil company.

In its report last week on *recommended retail prices* (RRP), the Price Commission noted that there were surprisingly large variations, both within sectors and between sectors, in maximum available discounts.

For two makes of bed, discounts for quantity purchases ranged from 2 per cent to 25 per cent. With two grocery products, the range was between 1½ per cent and 20 per cent. This practice seemed to be responsible for "unreal" recommended prices being quoted, the commission said.

Mr Richard Weir, director of the Retail Consortium, said last night: "I feel this is going to be a long-drawn-out waste of executive time and money. It is taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut—the basis of purchasing is to use to the maximum the muscle of your purchasing power."

Discounts for bulk buying helped big store chains to set the most competitive prices, it is claimed.

Mr Murphy: Talks over new role for Mr Turnbull.

Mr Turnbull in talks with NEB

By Edward Townsend

Mr George Turnbull, the former British Leyland managing director who is being sought by the National Enterprise Board to help it in dealing with the state-controlled car group, yesterday had preliminary discussions with Mr Leslie Murphy, the NEB's chairman-designate and present deputy chairman.

The talks centred around the possibility of Mr Turnbull working for the NEB on an annual contract basis as a consultant initially concerned only with the British Leyland business.

Mr Turnbull, who left Leyland three years ago, has since been earning a considerable tax-free salary as vice president of Hyundai Motors in South Korea. Problems associated with his tax liabilities should be return to the United Kingdom prematurely have been a stumbling block.

It appears that, at least in the immediate future, he will not be invited to join the NEB on a permanent basis.

The NEB certainly regards Mr Turnbull's expertise both as a former Leyland executive and as a production engineer with experience of establishing *an entire car assembly complex* as invaluable.

Any suggestion that he might return to British Leyland itself has been firmly ruled out and his presence as an NEB consultant is seen as an ideal way to utilize his talents.

Mr Turnbull, who is 50, arrived in London yesterday from his villa in Ibiza. Since his contract with Hyundai expired he has been reluctant to talk about future plans. He is known, however, to have been considering at one stage setting up a consultancy business outside the United Kingdom but in Europe.

His connexions and experience abroad would appear to *make him attractive to the* NEB as an adviser outside the immediate Leyland sphere.

A role for him with the NEB will also be welcomed by the Department of Industry.

Saudis call for Opec price freeze in 1978 after December increase

From Roger Vielvoye
Stockholm, July 17

Saudi Arabia wants a further 12-month freeze on oil prices throughout 1978 once the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) has increased oil costs at the end of this year, Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, said here tonight.

But in line with the new atmosphere of unity that exists at the Open conference now that the six-month-long split over two-tier oil pricing has been healed, he added: "We will have to discuss this with out Opec colleagues."

Although oil prices are not on the agenda for the conference, ministers have been under pressure to give their views on th outcome of the next price fixing meeting due to take place in Caracas, Venebuela, in *December*.

Already there is talk among ministers' advisers of a 10 per cent rise followed by the year-long freeze that the Saudis are seeking. It seems that the main battle in Caracas will be over the size of the January 1, 1978, price rise and not how long it should last.

After the six months of mediation behind the scenes that ended the split over two-tiered pricing, the ministers from the 13 member nations have been using the conference to *demonstrate publicly* their new-found unity.

Old adversaries over prices, robbed of their normal debating topic by the settlement of the pricing dispute, have reached a measure of agreement in their short statements outside the conference that would never have been possible when the question of prices was at stake.

Even when Shaikh Yamani raised his hopes for a further price freeze in 1978, one of his most persistent opponents on oil prices, Dr Jamschid Amouzegar, the Iranian delegate, said nothing to contradict him.

Dr Amouzegar, a leading advocate of higher prices at previous meetings, said Opec had made up its mind to be united over prices, and nothing would shake him from this. Whether this attitude will continue when Opec gets down to discussions over prices in the months leading up to next December's price-fixing meeting, remains to be seen.

At the moment, the Iranians want to see how the economies of the industrialized countries fare over the next few months before making up their minds over the level of the price rise *they would like to see in* December.

"We will have to see what the growth rate in the West will be. We do not want to upset the world economy by raising the price of oil too high", he added.

This unusual mood of harmony, and with prices removed from the discussions, has allowed the ministers to race through the short official agenda with unusual speed.

Conference sources said the only subject on the agenda where all the members could not agree was on the differentials between the price of similar grades of oil in various *member countries*.

But in the interests of unity the whole topic would probably be sent back to Opec's economic experts for further consideration—a move that has proved popular in the past when the organization has failed to get to grips with this thorny problem.

Household names in furnishing merger

Two household names in the discount sales business are to come together with the merger of Harris Carpets and Queensway Discount Warehouses. Harris, a private company controlled by Mr Philip Harris and his family, is paying £2m cash for Queensway.

A new holding company, Harris Queensway Retailers, is to be formed and Mr Harris, who will become chairman, plans eventually to seek a Stock Exchange quotation for the group.

Queensway's future has been in the balance since the group's founder and major shareholder, Mr Gerry Parish, resigned from the board last May. The departure of Mr Parish, who started the company in 1969, came after a series of boardroom disputes and a number of abortive attempts to arrange a Stock Exchange flotation.

Boardroom rifts began to appear at Queensway after the appointment of a substantially new management team in 1975. Mr John Murphy arrived as managing director from Dunlop and Mr Bill Bailey joined him on the board from Unilever via the London Business School. A new finance director was also appointed, Mr Harvey Walmsley, moving from Coates Paton in 1975.

Expansion of the Queensway chain increased group turnover from £11m to £16.8m in 1975 and £19.3m last year. But over those years profits before tax fluctuated from £392,000 in 1974 to £1.2m in 1975 and back to £243,000 last year.

This uneven profits record did nothing to assist the group's efforts to obtain a public share quotation and late last year County Bank and the Industrial & Commercial Finance Corporation moved in with additional finance and acquired share stakes of 15 per cent each.

It is understood that the approach from Harris came after conversations between Queensway's managing director, Mr Murphy, and Mr Harris earlier this year. Although Mr Parish is to leave the company for his health farm in Norwich, the remainder of the Queensway management is to stay and Mr Murphy and Mr Bailey are to join the board of the group holding company.

Harris plans to continue trading from all of Queensway's 26 "edge-of-town" warehouses and will maintain Queensway's separate head office in Norwich. There will be no redundancies among Queensway's 730 staff.

The Harris Carpets business dates from 1958 when it was founded by the then 16-year-old Philip Harris and his mother. The acquisition of the 20 Keith Royle shops from Combined English Stores in 1974 speeded group expansion. It now sells over £14m worth of discount carpets from 96 High Street stores.

Harris's record of profits growth has been markedly more stable than Queensway's, pre-tax profits having risen steadily over the past four years to £1.7m in 1976. The two businesses overlap in that, although furniture accounts for two thirds of Queensway's sales, *discount carpets make up the* balance. However, the Queensway side of the joint company will continue to sell carpets after the merger.

The purchase price is in line with Queensway's net assets. Queensway has been advised by stockbrokers Joseph Sebag, and Harris by County Bank, despite its 15 per cent shareholding in the target company.

John Brennan

CU sells German and Austrian offshoots

By Our Insurance Correspondent

In a further step to rationalize its troublesome European business, Commercial Union Assurance has sold its German and Austrian subsidiaries for about £15m.

Mr Jack Emms, who emerged as CU's chief executive after the abrupt departure of Mr Gordon Dunlop last month, explained yesterday that the sales did not presage any general disposal programme, nor do they reflect any change of direction following Mr Dunlop's resignation.

"The decision to dispose of these companies was taken in the second half of last year", Mr Emms stated. He explains that the CU is selling because in the case of the German operation, "it has not achieved the penetration we wanted". He stresses that the sales "are not part of any other plans".

Munich based Allianz Versicherungs AG, West Germany's largest insurance group, is to acquire CU's 90 per cent shareholding in Anglo-Elementar Versicherungs AG of Vienna, giving the German company its first wholly-owned Austrian subsidiary since the war.

As part of the deal it will also acquire the entire share capital of CU's German subsidiary Deutsche Elementar Versicherungs AG, of Hamburg. CU is to maintain its agency operations in both companies, and will continue to cover international risks there.

The Austrian subsidiary generated premium income of £37m last year. But underwriting problems, a series of management difficulties and, in 1974, loses understated by £1.5m because of changes in the date processing systems, have made the Austrian venture a persistent worry. This company's Italian branch was sold last year.

Mr Jack Emms: no change of direction.

The German business is far smaller, producing premiums of £8.5m last year and contributing to CU's overall European underwriting losses of £17.4m, offset by investment income of £26.8m.

CU's primary European involvement remains Delta Lloyd, Holland's second largest insurance company, acquired in 1973 for £60m.

Elimination of premiums, along with the £15m sales proceeds could improve CU's solvency margins by around two points to a third of non-life premiums. Its shares closed 1p higher at 127p yesterday.

Pay doubts delay state shipping board posts

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, is finding difficulty in recruiting full-time board members to key positions with British Shipbuilders, the new state corporation established at the beginning of this month.

At the launching of the corporation, Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, the chairman, said he expected four full-time board members to be appointed shortly. But it appears that it may be several weeks before any further appointments can be made.

A major constraint is the salary levels the corporation is able to offer for some of the toughest jobs in British industry.

The vacancies Mr Varley urgently wants to fill are those of executives for marketing, finance, personnel and operations.

Attempts to negotiate an acceptable contract for one executive who has been attached to the organizing committee almost since its inception have dragged on for months. Strenuous efforts have been made to try to formulate a contract with an acceptable salary which would enable British Shipbuilders to retain his services as a full-time member of the board.

This issue is expected to be resolved one way or the other in advance of negotiations to attract other full-time board members. The organization can ill afford further resignations.

Mr Varley's problems with British Shipbuilders are a microcosm of the overall problem faced by the Government over the levels of salary paid to members of state industries.

Increases advocated in the Boyle Committee's report four years ago have not been paid, and the Government has been under growing pressure to ensure that the gaps between the public and private sectors are closed.

It may be that the Government's new pay proposals, expected to be published later this week, will provide some prospect for closing the gap.

The difficulties with appointments to British Shipbuilders are all the more embarrassing to the Government in view of the high priority accorded to the industry's problems by the Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues.

Peseta devalued by 20 pc as part of rescue for Spanish economy

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, July 12

Devaluation of the peseta by 20 per cent is part of a series of tough economic measures by the Spanish Government designed to put the economy back on its feet within two years.

The Bank of Spain today fixed the rate of exchange at 83 pesetas per dollar for buyers and 87.5 for sellers, when the foreign exchange market reopened in Madrid today after yesterday's shutdown.

The current exchange rate placed a value on the peseta, with regard to the dollar, lower than at any other time in the history of the Spanish monetary unit, the lowest previous parity was 70 to the dollar in 1967. In 1930 a dollar bought only 9.75 pesetas.

The pound sterling, worth about 119 pesetas last weekend, is worth nearly 150 pesetas after the devaluation.

Some foreign bankers felt that the readjustment in the value of the peseta was slightly greater than required at the moment, but they pointed out that the measure was sound, allowing for the additional impact of continuing severe inflation over the next few months until the Government can bring it under control.

While the move will make imports more costly, increasing the country's energy bill in particular, it will make Spanish exports more competitive and hopefully bring them out of the present period of stagnation.

Timing of the devaluation may have been influenced by the fact that energy conservation measures are apparently beginning to have some effect.

Spain used 8 per cent less in petroleum products during the first five months of this year than in the same period in 1976. *The biggest decrease was in the* consumption of fuel oil, which dropped by more than 22 per cent. By contrast, petrol consumption went up by nearly 4 per cent.

The economic programme outlined shortly after midnight in a national radio broadcast by the minister in charge of parliamentary relation, Señor Ignacio Camuñas, was generally well received.

Señor Felipe González, secretary general of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party, the parliamentary opposition to Señor Suárez, the Prime Minister, who heads the Centre Democratic Union, said, after being called in for consultation in the midst of yesterday's Cabinet meeting: "It sounds like sweet music to me."

Señor Augustín Rodríguez Sahagun, promoter of the Spanish management confederation, said in Madrid this morning before the extent of the devaluation was announced, that he shared the ideals and objectives of the Government, as announced by Señor Camuñas, with the exception of a few points. He added that he was not surprised by the statement of the Government's programme.

Caroline Atkinson writes: Other currencies had a quiet day on the foreign exchanges yesterday. The dollar picked up slightly against most European currencies, closing at 2.29 against the Deutsche mark. Its rate against the yen was also up at 264. Sterling improved with the dollar to close 0.3 up in effective terms, at 61.0, with an unchanged dollar rate of 1.72.

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Growing concern as American bank lending abroad reaches $20,600m in a year

Third World resistance to IMF call for economic reports

From Frank Vogl
Washington, July 12

Cooperation between the International Monetary Fund and private banks providing information about the economies of *member countries is proving* difficult and extremely slow", according to IMF sources.

Executive directors of the IMF recently held their first specific formal debate on providing commercial banks with information about the economies of IMF member countries, and the sources said that no decision was reached.

The discussion comes at a time when various bankers and national authorities are displaying mounting concern about the volume of commercial bank foreign lending.

The United States Comptroller of the Currency announced yesterday that federal government bank regulators have just sent 339 American banks detailed questionnaires about their foreign lending activities.

American banks extended about $20,600m (£12,117m) of new foreign loans last year, according to the comptroller. United States regulators have decided to conduct half-yearly surveys now of American bank foreign lending positions.

The banks have just been requested to outline in great detail the maturities, sizes, guarantees and other such particulars of all their foreign loans as of June 30.

The leading 80 banks have already been supplying such information to the Federal Reserve Board, but it has been decided that surveys of foreign lending activities should be conducted regularly and include all nationally-registered banks with assets of more than $300m and all state chartered banks with assets of over $1,000m.

International monetary sources here noted that there was considerable resistance at the recent IMF board meeting, *notably from directors of developing countries*, to the idea of providing the commercial banks with what the sources termed "minimal information".

The boardroom discussion was based on an IMF staff paper on IMF-private bank cooperation. One suggestion made was that part of the annual review of member countries be made available to the private banks.

These reviews are compiled in two separate reports—a background report that consists of economic statistical descriptions of current policies, and sometimes including some general forecasts. There is also an appraisal report, which outlines forecasts in more detail and which includes a discussion of possible policy changes.

The IMF's board of directors has no intention, at present, of even considering the distribution to banks of the appraisal reports. It is considering the distribution of the background reports, but only if all forecasts are excluded from them and only if a member country explicitly approves IMF circulation of the report on its economy.

Countries likely to approve circulation of such background reports to commercial banks are *likely* to be those which are already prepared to provide highly detailed economic information to private bankers. Thus an IMF board decision that is as narrow as that now being discussed is unlikely to be of much benefit to banks.

A favourable decision by the board on this matter, however, would widely be seen by commercial banks as a first step towards a fuller exchange of information.

National central banks, for their part, are already providing information on foreign lending activities to the Bank for International Settlements.

Many commercial bankers believe that the private banking system can only continue to maintain foreign lending at the rate seen in the last couple of years if more information about national economies is available. They argue that providing more *information is not sufficient*, and there must be more concrete forms of private bank-IMF cooperation, such as joint lending.

The sources noted that the executive directors of the IMF have assigned a fairly low priority to the question of IMF-private banking cooperation.

Credit controls hinder French industry finance

Paris, July 12.—Credit controls are proving a severe constraint on French industry, the Employers' Federation (Patronat) said here today.

The federation's economic review notes that some companies are prepared to accept higher indebtedness in spite of the uncertain economic outlook, but are finding finance a serious difficulty.

Moreover, French interest rates are extremely high, making it difficult to stay competitive.

Foreign orders with French exporters continue to be satisfactory, suggesting that exports will not fall over the next few months, the Patronat states.

This combined with the fall in imported raw materials prices, should extend the recent improvement in the trade balance.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 183.35+1.91
The FT index: 446.3+6.5

Rises

RF	65p to 77p	Glaxo	9p to 542p
olls-Royce	4p to 70p	ICI	3p to 395p
ilkinson Match	5p to 156p	Hawker Siddly	4p to 174p
il Exploratn	14p to 204p	Beecham	6p to 492p
urness Withy	14p to 314p	Unilever	8p to 480p
rindlays	10p to 101p	DCL	31p to 141½p
eachey Props	4½p to 42p	Kloof	11p to 356p
AC	7p to 255p	Int Timber	2p to 105p
ork Farms	8p to 250p	Mnig Meyer	4p to 68p
owden Group	5p to 45p	Barclays	5p to 275p

Falls

odens	7p to 48p	Reed Int	6p to 178p
averesk	4p to 66p	Gestetner	3p to 142p

Equities forged ahead in thin dealing.

Gilt-edged securities quietened after a firm start.

Dollar premium: 110.75 per cent (effective rate 39.42 per cent).

Sterling was unchanged at $1.7200.

The effective exchange rate index was at 61.0.

Gold gained $0.50 an ounce to $141.875.

SDR-$ was 1.17113 on Tuesday, *while SDR-£ was 0.680850.*

Commodities: Coffee prices again advanced. Reuter's index was at 1532.3 (previous 1538.1).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.58	1.53
Austria Sch	29.25	27.25
Belgium Fr	63.50	60.50
Canada $	1.85	1.80
Denmark Kr	10.60	10.20
Finland Mkk	7.10	6.85
France Fr	8.60	8.28
Germany Dm	4.10	3.88
Greece Dr	62.75	60.25
Hongkong $	8.30	7.85
Italy Lr	1545.00	1490.00
Japan Yn	475.00	450.00
Netherlands Gld	4.37	4.15
Norway Kr	9.34	8.98
Portugal Esc	67.00	64.00
S Africa Rd	1.87	1.75
Spain Pes	153.00	145.00
Sweden Kr	7.79	7.44
Switzerland Fr	4.31	4.09
US $	1.76	1.71
Yugoslavia Dnr	32.00	30.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

On other pages

Australia sets car import quota

Australian imports of foreign cars are to be restricted for the next six months on the basis of an annual quota of 90,000 units, the Government said yesterday.

Mr Bob Cotton, Industry and Commerce Minister, said the quotas on completely-assembled vehicles were being imposed because Australian industry's share of the home market had *dipped below 80 per cent.*

In the financial year to end-June, over 100,000 foreign cars were imported against 94,000 in the 1975-76 fiscal year.

The announcement is a holding action pending a report from the Industries Assistance Commission which reviews protection policies for Australian *industries, Mr Cotton said.*

The commission has been asked to advise the Government in 60 days of what additional action should be taken—if it should be by quantitative restrictions on imports or by tariff quotas, and what principles the Government should adopt in determining the allocation of *quotas to individual importers.*

Mr Cotton said the cutback resulted from an excessive level of imports at a time when Australian manufacturers had run into difficulties in selling their vehicles.

In brief

Alaska oil pipeline to reopen this week

The trans-Alaska pipeline will begin operating again later this week after a shutdown that followed an explosion and fire which destroyed the pumphouse at station 8, south of Fairbanks, sources at the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company announce. Mr Jack Turner, interior department director of the pipeline office, said that inspections had discovered no damage to the 48-inch main pipe.

Wages in Argentina raised by 16 pc

The Argentina Government ordered a general wage increase of 16 per cent effective from July 1, the economy ministry in Beunos Aires said yesterday.

The minimum monthly salary was fixed at 22,500 pesos (about £33) and employers may pay up to 15 per cent above official salary levels as a productivity bonus, against 10 per cent previously.

Salaries were last raised by an average 20 per cent last March.

Inquiry into protection of pension rights

An inquiry into the protection of occupational pension rights is being undertaken by the Occupational Pensions Board at the request of Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services.

As with previous inquiries, the OPB is asking the public for evidence and views on the subject, and is particularly interested to hear about cases where pensions paid to scheme members on their retirement are less than they had expected, as might happen, for example, following the termination or freezing of a scheme after a merger or takeover.

Mr Varley gets 3-point plan to save textile jobs

By R. W. Shakespeare

The Government has been warned by textile industry leaders that unless urgent action is taken another 6,000 jobs in the spinning sector—roughly 25 per cent of the remaining labour force—may be lost by the end of this year.

The Manchester-based British Textile Employers Association has urged Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, to initiate a three-point plan of action as a means of giving temporary relief to the industry.

It has called on the minister to impose a curb on imports of yarn, to retain the temporary employment subsidy (on which a total of perhaps 12,000 jobs in all sectors of the industry are now thought to be dependent) and to give financial help to enable the spinning sector to fund stockholding, now runing a t65 per cent above that of last year.

At a news conference in Manchester yesterday Mr Edmund Gartside, chairman of the BTEA, said that the association was still awaiting a reply from Mr Varley.

He said: "We feel that the consequences of failure to act now will be very serious indeed. The crunch point has arrived. If we allow unemployment in the spinning sector to continue at the present rate then on a straight graph line we will by 1982 have lost the industry entirely."

Mr Gartside said that a number of fresh mill closures (including one belonging to his own company, *Shiloh Spinners*) were in the pipeline. Short-time working was also on the increase and would be even more widespread but for the temporary employment subsidy.

As it was, a great many firms were reaching the point at which the second stage of TES (the subsidy is £20 a week per operative for the first stage of 12 months, and £10 a week for the second six-month stage) was running out.

He said that undoubtedly a major factor in the serious setback had been the 8 per cent fall-off in consumer spending during the quarter ending in April. Meanwhile yarn imports had been running at the rate of 31,000 tons a year compared with 15,000 tons three years ago.

Mr Gartside said that Canada and France had resorted to article 19 of Gatt to save jobs in their own textile industries in circumstances far less serious than those in Lancashire.

Peter Hill writes: Details of the European Community's curbs on imports of cotton yarn and other textile items for the remainder of this year were revealed yesterday. The limitations on the level of imports of selected items are effective from today.

Countries covered by the curbs are Egypt, Turkey, Tunisia, Morocco, Spain, India, Pakistan, Malaysia and Colombia. The restrictions, which are essentially import quotas, will affect cotton yarn, men's shirts, women's blouses, certain types of undergarments and T-shirts.

Lord Byers introduces Bill aimed at countering Arab boycott effects

By Malcolm Brown

An anti-boycott Bill, which is clearly aimed at combating the effects on United Kingdom companies of the Arab Boycott of Israel, was introduced in the House of Lords yesterday by Lord Byers, leader of the Liberal Party in the Lords.

The Bill is supported by an all-patry committee of Peers and MPs, which includes, among others, Mr Arthur Bottomley, a former Labour minister, Mr Hugh Fraser, Conservative MP for Stafford and Stone, and the Duke of Devonshire.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday Lord Byers said that there was no time this session to get such a Bill through its various stages

But he would be re-presenting the Bill during the next session in the hope of a very early second reading. He hoped the Government would give it time in the Commons.

Known as the Foreign Boycott Bill 1977, it draws heavily on recent American and French legislation aimed at countering the Arab boycott.

Lord Byers said it did not affect primary boycotts, in which one country refused to trade with another. But it offered protection to firms and individuals against so-called secondary and tertiary boycotts, and prohibited negative certificates of origin.

"Secondary boycotts occur when a country will not do business with a British firm if such a firm also does business with a third country—that is, Israel—which is proscribed by the first", Lord Byers said.

"The tertiary boycott is one where a British firm cannot do business with the first country, unless it agrees not to do business with any other British firm that does business with that proscribed country."

Lord Byers quoted the words of President Carter that the imposition of a boycott was a moral matter which went right to the heart of free trade between nations. The Bill he was introducing, he said, sought to protect British individuals, companies and businesses.

Among acts which would become an offence under the proposed legislation would be discrimination against, or refusal to do business with, any other person in furtherance of a foreign boycott, or in response to a boycott, request or condition.

It would also be an offence for any person to alter his normal course of business for the purpose of furthering a foreign boycott or complying with a boycott request or condition.

Penalties incorporated in the Bill range from fines of up to £5,000, or imprisonment.

£53m EEC loan for Coal Board

Brussels, July 12.—The National Coal Board has been granted a loan of £53m from funds of the European Coal and Steel Community to help finance increased output and development of coal reserves, the European Commission announced today.

The loan would be made in phase with the progress on the projects, and the terms of each investment would depend on market conditions at the time of disbursement.

Chemicals aid: British Steel Corporation's chemicals subsidiary has been granted a loan of £6.9m by the European Investment Bank towards the cost of a new benzole refinery on Teesside.

The £13m plant, with a capacity of 150,000 tonnes of crude benzole a year, is scheduled to be completed late next year. Benzole, a byproduct of turning coking coal into coke, produces benzene, a building block chemical, used in the manufacture of plastics and other materials. The loan will be repayable over 12 years and will carry an 8 per cent interest rate.

Setbacks to China's oil export hopes

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

China is unlikely to emerge as a major world oil producer or exporter, contrary to forecasts made in the wake of the oil embargo initiated by Arab oil producers in 1973. Chinese oil production is expected to climb to between 2.4 million and 2.8 million barrels daily by 1980 from last year's level of 1.7 million.

Most of the oil produced in mainland China will be needed to meet domestic requirements, and exports are not expected to be much more than 200,000 to 600,000 barrels daily against predictions two years ago of a million to Japan alone by 1980.

According to a detailed study by America's Central Intelligence Agency, continuously expanding domestic demand in China over the next decade will absorb total capacity, unless new deposits in the west and offshore are proved and exploited more rapidly than expected.

Severe financial and technological restraints on expanding Chinese oil production are hindering progress, said the report, which noted that for 26 years the authorities had "force fed" the industry with funds and technical manpower. As a result, output had increased by 20 per cent annually.

The CIA study, quoted in the latest issue of *Pétroleum Intelligence Weekly*, suggested that the rate of growth would decline since the most accessible reserves were being exploited and investment in other industries, particularly coal and steel, could no longer be held back to free funds for the oil sector.

Over the next decade the increases in China's oil production will have to come from the same north and north-east fields which have supplied about 80 per cent of China's oil since 1970. Reserves in those areas are estimated at between 17,000 million and 30,000 million barrels, and would be exhausted in 10 years at the present rate of expansion.

The CIA study said that on the basis of limited information "ultimately recoverable" Chinese oil reserves on-shore amounted to about 40,000 million barrels—roughly the same as those of the United States—with the possibility that there might be as much as 100,000 million barrels.

Japan sets target for rapid growth

Tokyo, July 12.—Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime Minister, whose party hold on to a slim majority in the Upper House election on Sunday, said today that the Japanese economy would start picking up next month.

Large-scale expenditure on public works is planned to achieve the 6.7 per cent growth target for the fiscal year ending next March. If there is difficulty in reaching the target, the Government will use "flexible" fiscal and monetary measures,

Mr Fukuda said in a televised press conference that the yen was continuing to strengthen because of foreign appreciation of the currency and international uncertainty over the value of the dollar. "We also bear economic responsibility for the community of nations and can no longer remain an economic honour student in the world", he said.

In other reaction to the national election, Keidanren, the federation of economic organizations, proposed that the Government compile a supplementary budget of 1,500,000m yen (£3,289m) for this fiscal year.

Keidanren also seeks tax credits to business to boost capital spending and aid for companies in the export of plants and other equipment.

Businessmen have been urging the government to take additional steps to stimulate the economy, including further cuts in the official discount rate from the current level of 5 per cent. They say the government cannot boost the economy without such steps.

But the ministry of finance is against proposals to issue more national bonds, which would be required to finance a supplementary budget. — AP-Dow Jones.

Mr Paul Kolton: contract expires in November.

Amex chief expected to quit board

New York, July 12.—Barring any last-minute decision to reconsider, Mr Paul Kolton is expected to tell the American Stock Exchange Board—perhaps as early as Thursday—that he would not seek renewal of his contract as chairman and chief executive officer.

However, should the Amex have any difficulty finding a successor to assume the top spot when his contract expires in November, it is expected that Mr Kolton would be willing to serve beyond that date until a successor could be found, industry sources said.

Mr Kolton, who has served as the exchange's chief executive officer since 1971, first as president and since 1972 as chairman, has no immediate plans for a new job, according to Amex sources.

Any decision by him to leave the board would reflect a desire to do something different after 22 years in various stock exchange positions, they add.

He was public relations director for the New York Stock Exchange from 1955 to 1962, when he joined the Amex as executive vice-president, a post he held for nine years.

Mr Kolton's decision to leave if confirmed will disappoint most of the governors on the exchange's 21-member board, who regard the 53-year-old chairman as an ideal leader.—AP-Dow Jones.

Factory lighting legislation may be revoked

The Health and Safety Commission is proposing to revoke part of the legislation on the standard of lighting in factories because it does not adequately meet modern conditions.

The proposal, on which the commission is seeking comments, is to revoke the Factories (Standards of Lighting) Regulations, 1941. It follows an EEC directive which requires the metrication of units of measurement used in lighting regulations.

In the view of the commission it would be more appropriate to revoke rather than to metricate the 1941 regulations. This would leave the enforcing authorities powers to ask for "sufficient and suitable" lighting under section 5 of the Factories Act, 1961—and in addition compliance with section 2 of the Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974.

New range of calculators

A pocket-sized electronic calculator which can print its calculations on a strip of paper is among a number of new models introduced yesterday by Hewlett-Packard, the pioneer of hand-held scientific and engineering calculators.

The printed results can be obtained either together with or instead of the normal, ten-digit light-emitting-diode (LED) display. Known as the HP-10, the unit uses normal adding-machine logic and costs £125.

For professional investment analysts, stockbrokers and bankers, the HP-92 Investor at £475 is a desktop (but portable) printing model which is pre-programmed for a range of financial, mathematical and statistical calculations.

Reclamation body formed

Four trade associations involved in reclamation have formed a new body to represent their common interests.

The new organization—the British Reclamation Industries Confederation—has been set up by the British Scrap Federation, the British Waste Paper Association, the Reclamation Association and the Midland Metal and Allied Trades Association.

Together the four associations represent a major part of the reclamation industry, having a combined turnover of £700m. The British Secondary Metals Association has also been invited to join the new organization.

UK vehicle output down 20 pc on May

British car and commercial vehicle production fell in June, according to provisional statistics released by the Department of Industry. Car output last month, on a seasonally adjusted basis, totalled 99,000 units, down 20.2 per cent from 124,000 in May and down 24.4 per cent from 131,000 in June 1976.

Commercial vehicle production in June was 28,000, down 20.9 per cent from 35,400 in May.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Extra cost imposed on house buyers by planning delays

From Mr Ian Deslandes

Sir, I have read with concern your report today on Mr Shore's statement to the NEDC about an impending circular to local authorities advising them that the handling of industrial planning applications should take precedence over those for housing.

Such advice is bound to mean that the already appalling planning delays which many housebuilders are now encountering will become even worse and, because of the heavy interest charges on builders' land holdings, this will inevitably lead to higher housebuilding costs which will in turn be reflected in house prices. The extent to which this can happen was clearly shown by last month's Select Committee report on planning procedures which cited a recent case in which planning delays over and above the period programmed by the developer had resulted in a £600 increase in the price of two-bedroomed houses. This sum is, of course, approximately twice as large as the maximum value of the proposed assistance to home-buyers announced in last week's housing policy review.

It should be noted too that despite the fact that planning authorities have a statutory duty to determine applications within eight weeks of their submission, the Select Committee report revealed that almost 40 per cent were not handled within this time and that most of the remainder were "minor and relatively uncontentious."

In the light of this situation Mr Shore's anxiety to reduce those planning delays which affect industry is understandable. Yet the right way to deal with this problem is not simply to ask local authorities to reallocate their priorities so Industrial applications may processed more rapidly at cost of increased delays other parts of the system, rather to take urgent actio speed up the working of planning machine as a wh There is no shortage of gestions as to how this m be done—the 1975 De report, the Select Commit this federation and many o organizations have all put ward suitable recomme tions. What is needed, howe is proper recognition that p ning delays are now impo enormous and unnecess costs on the developi industry and its customers the political will to take ac aimed at eliminating them.

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Attitude to product liability laws

From Mr James Tye

Sir, The Under Secretary of State for Trade says (*The Times* Parliamentary Report June 28) that should the product liability laws of the United States prove detrimental to British exporters he will make "the strongest representations to the United States government.

Product Liability law in the United States has meant that, unlike here, the consumer gets a fairer crack of the whip. If insurance premiums must rise as a result, then so be it. Other exporting nations and American companies themselves have to put up with the law.

Could such a plea from the British government not give the impression that we are exporting goods that are not up to safety standards? Or will it seem, as it does to me, like the squealing of a second-rate power that cannot compete with the front-liners in world trade?

Yours faithfully,
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The owl a unique being?

From Mr John Godbey

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Peter Owen (July 6) described damage resulting from an owl entering his home. When he claimed from Lloyd's householders insurance he was told that he was "only insured for impact by vehicle or animal and an owl was not an animal".

I understand that Aristotle considered birds to be animals, and I am not sure who has held a different view?

In recent times (1939) Sir Julian Huxley wrote a foreword to James Fisher's book *Birds as Animals*. He said: "Birds, after all, are animals, although some enthusiastic birdwatchers would seem to consider them unique beings constituting an organic kingdom in their own right."

Even the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary provides a definition of a bird as "any feathered vertebrate animal".

I would be interested to know how Lloyd's have come to a different conclusion.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr M. R. J. Crunden

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr P. Owen (July 6), is, I feel, in need of professional advice on his home contents insurance. Alternative forms of policy are available today and "all risks" cover would have provided for the misfortune occasioned by the owls.

The older, more common standard cover does not, and to be fair to them the Lloyd's underwriters seemingly endeavoured to be helpful by offering an *ex gratia* payment.

Arranging a home policy no longer is a simple matter but one where the client must be made clearly aware of the extent of cover and the exclusions which apply. The best course for him is to approach an insurance broker who will give independent and impartial advice and quotation, with emphasis on the need for full value sums insured This is essential to avoid a claim being prejudiced by under-insurance, particularly as a settlement may be on a replacement, "new for old" basis.

Unfortunately, a policy requires a premium and the effect of inflation on the value of contents equally must affect the premium.

Yours truly,
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Cutting down on postal charges

From Mr M. E. Simons

Sir, The unwelcome Post Off jubilee bonuses of yet high postal charges present indust commerce and the professi with the opportunity of demo strating that price rises reduc business and employme opportunities.

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GKN	36	170
Shell	48	180
T & G	32	180
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Bank of Scotland	28	180
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BP	48	210
British Rail	60	280
British Airports	80	300
Electricity Council	76	340

ICI and Imperial Group lea the league handsomely. The appears to be opportunity BP to save domestic and o seas postage in view of ri numbers of shareholders for public authorities to pull their socks.

MARTIN E. SIMONS,
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Transport costs and places of work

From Mr Hugh W. Wilson

Sir, Having now had a chance to consider last week's transport White Paper, I cannot help reflecting that although my organization was, and still is, in favour of a separate Department of Transport, long-term transport policy is that much harder to arrive at as a result of its divorce from the Department of Employment.

For, in spite of the admirable realism of the White Paper, nowhere does it seem to ask the basic questions forcing the public to reconsider whether their journeys are really necessary.

Too many planning authorities seem to accept without question that work places (especially offices) should not be allowed to develop within walking distance of where people actually live.

Yet, even without the electronic developments the next decade is bound to bring, it is no longer physically necessary for many people to work in metropolitan centres.

For surely it is an absurdity that so many people should now regard it as natural to live more than 20 miles away from their work? Indeed, is it not even more absurd that, having in most cases voluntarily decided where to live and where they work, so many people now expect their fellow taxpayers to subsidize them to travel between the two?

Surely in the face of the enormous costs, subsidies and investment now in prospect it would be cheaper in the long run for Government to pay the once-and-for-all costs of encouraging citizens to move their homes to within walking distance of where they work—or at least within an easy bus ride?

At the same time, surely it is about time that employers (particularly of office staff) should at least be required to consider the costs they impose on the community as a whole by recruiting staff who live many miles away from their work and expect to travel either by subsidized public transport or company-financed private cars.

Surely the Government should now consider going beyond the gentle cajolery of the LOB and should begin to pay grants to cover the undoubted short-term costs of moving work-places nearer to where people live. Ought local authorities (especially those in the Home Counties) be asked to reverse their planning strategies?

The only logical answer to spiralling transport costs and energy shortages is to adopt a long-term policy of trying to minimize *all* transport irrespective of whether it is public or private. Our politicians should start asking the public to consider the implications of re-location and the entirely different problems it brings.

HUGH W. WILSON,
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Fallacy of nationalization

From Mr D. Barros

Sir, The highly successful British Petroleum share sale has exposed the fallacy on which nationalization policy is based. How can nationalized companies be held by the state "on behalf of the people" when, given the chance to acquire part of a state-controlled corporation, the same people on whose behalf that corporation is supposedly held, queue up four-deep for each share?

BP shares have been bought in Britain mainly by small investors and institutional funds which represent the capital of millions of individuals, all willing and capable of assuming the risks that owning property involves. The over-subscription of shares by British investors leaves the Government without any justification for hanging on to the rest of its BP stock.

It is a lamentable irony that, at the time that this encouraging and successful return of property to the private sector has taken place, two new unnecessary burdens have been placed on the taxpayer's shoulder: aircraft-building and ship-building.

Yours truly,
DAVID BARROS,
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July 7.

CCA coyness

From Mr F. K. Berry

Sir, While the proposals regarding the introduction of compulsory current cost accounting are generating so much comment from both sides there is one body, whose views are not unimportant, which seems to be singularly coy about the whole matter and that is the Board of Inland Revenue, for little or no reference is being made in the current spate of correspondence to their attitude.

Perhaps taxation and current cost accounting make ill-sorted bedfellows.

Yours faithfully,
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Kent.

'Big business' philosophy

From Mr Christopher Robinson

Sir, With reference to the report (July 1) of the speech given by Sir Henry Benson to the Institution of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and with particular reference to the inference that small companies neither know what they are doing nor know what to do about putting themselves right. It may be that some small companies are incompetently managed, but that might also be said of some of the larger ones too.

The sickening philosophy (or the economic reality if you view it that way) that only large units can be competently managed and that therefore only they should be encouraged, seems to me to be almost at the heart of our industrial lassitude.

The accountant may see things as the most efficient use of capital; but he sometimes seems myopic to the consequences of his own vision. The works closed in Wales with a three generation loyalty labour force out of work because it is more efficient to open a new works in Yorkshire and retain a completely new group of people; the rationalization of product from the taken-over small works that now produces something that isn't quite what the public wants but with which it has to make do since there is no alternative; and lastly the immense ill-will and alienation that happens to ordinary people used to being treated as individuals suddenly finding themselves little more than accountants' units of production makes me wonder if accountants are really the best people to revitalize industry.

Perhaps we shall see in places like the Shetlands, where big business finance and concomitant accountants intrude on people with a different set of values.

Yours faithfully,
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

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everyone about to follow the Government's—or should one say GEC's?—example and start to float? Some of the leading banks appear to have given serious thought to the possibility of launching a floating-rate bond in the domestic market with a view to expanding their medium-term lending capacity. And there could be attractions for the more optimistic industrial company to put part of its debt on a medium-term floating rate basis given that it could be launching a floater on an interest rate very considerably below the level of rate that would have to be paid for fixed-rate, medium-term money.

Those who look as if they may be first to join the ranks of the floaters, however, are local authorities. No specific issue has been put up yet, but agreement in principle for such an issue has now been obtained from the Bank of England.

How many local authorities would want to jump aboard this particular bandwagon is an open question. Certainly, given that the authorities cannot print money in the same way as the Government when things start to go wrong, it is unlikely that they would want to put any great proportion of their longer term—5-year-plus—debt on to a floating-rate basis.

But, as with companies, local authorities could obtain a considerable interest saving on present interest rate levels by funding on a floating rate basis—and they have a fair, though not insuperable, amount of funding to do so as they move to meet Treasury requirements on lengthening the maturity of new issues.

That said, they would have to offer something considerably more attractive than the Government floater, especially as local authority debt does not enjoy the capital gains tax exemption of a gilt.

On that basis, however, someone would almost certainly be unhappy. If gross funds of personal investors were tempted in by the higher running yield, in a way that they have not been tempted to buy the Government's floaters, that would doubtless please the Bank in terms of money supply control but presumably cause the clearers to scream about unfair competition.

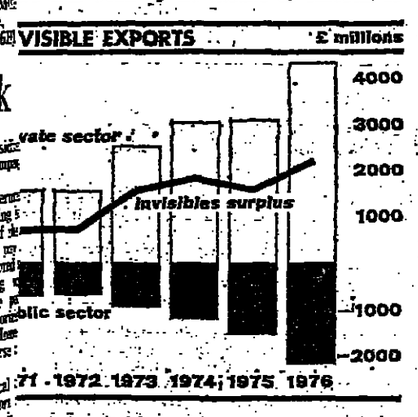
If, on the other hand, the banking sector itself became the main purchaser, then one would be back to the question of whether it is not floaters merely compounded the problem of money-supply control.

Invisibles

...he surplus ...eaks out

"We shall be disappointed", says Sir Francis Sandilands in his annual report as chairman of the Committee on Invisible Exports, "if the net surplus on private invisibles (excluding government transactions) has not comfortably crossed the £1,000m mark by the end of the year". Last year the net private surplus was 42 per cent up at £4,357m, so it seems fair to assume the Committee is looking for growth of perhaps a fifth this year. At the gross level it is forecasting an improvement of 25 per cent on last year's £12,962m.

Our chart shows, however, the progression the private invisible surplus in recent years has been by no means as smooth as



depressingly steady growth in the public sector invisible deficit. Hence the dip in net surplus in 1975. Given that the North Sea is coming progressively on stream and that the scale of dividend payments overseas by foreign oil companies will therefore be growing fast it is probable that the private invisible surplus will shortly peak and begin to fall. At the same time the growth in public sector borrowing abroad will mean a continuation of the growing public sector invisible deficits as interest payments rise.

In short, just as the North Sea is swinging the visible balance round into surplus the invisible surplus will be shrinking. Stockbrokers Phillips & Drew, for instance, predict that the net invisible surplus will rise from £2,100m last year to £2,500m this, but that within this total there will be an increase in North Sea remittances out of the United Kingdom from £100m to £500m. In 1978 P & D expects these remittances to climb to £1,200m, and although, excluding the North Sea, the surplus is projected to rise from £3,000m to £3,500m, the net effect would be a downturn of £200m to £2,300m in the overall invisible surplus. Thereafter it could be expected to decline farther.

None of this, of course, is to belittle the growing contribution of invisible earners, of which the most striking improvements have come from tourism (net earnings doubled to £1,628m between 1974 and 1976), the City (earnings doubled between 1971 and 1975 to £1,218m) and latterly from construction work (earnings doubled to £295m between 1973 and 1975).

The Committee is looking for the biggest invisibles increase this year to come from British construction work overseas. But more strong growth should also be achieved from tourism and civil aviation, with improvements coming too from insurance and banking. The outlook for shipping and the stock exchange is also picking up. For the rest, the point is worth making that gross private invisible earnings total more than half the value of Britain's visible exports.

Timber

Different timescales

Still basking in the warm glow of last year's profits recovery, most timber groups do not give the impression of an industry on the verge of another phase of retrenchment and rationalization.

Despite a grim outlook on the UK demand front and the prospect of significant price weakness this year, companies like International Timber are nevertheless quietly optimistic that consolidation moves made in the last cyclical trough will keep the momentum going in the current year.

But International, whose profits last year improved seven-fold to £6.5m, though this figure is still well short of the 1974 peak of £9.6m, does not deny that further rationalization within the industry could be of major importance to the long-term future of the sector.

Interestingly, that view is shared by Montague L. Meyer, which has a strategic 10.7 per cent stake in its rival International and which also reported yesterday, showing profits up by three-quarters to £14.3m representing a return to the 1974 peak. The two groups have had merger talks and International for its part admits that there is obvious logic in a merger though at the moment it values its independence.

Whether events will change that remains to be seen but there is no doubt that Meyer despite its current pre-occupation with continuing problems in its 1973 part-acquisition, the Hallam Group, likes to cast itself in the role of a likely bid contender.

Its chairman, Mr John Meyer, says there is no doubt that further rationalization will be needed if the industry is to be in a position "to look after itself" in five years and that the main questions lie in the mathematics of merger formulae.

Having reaped substantial stock profits from the demise of sterling last year timber groups have seen the economics of their trade turned on their head as a result of stable sterling and devaluations in supplying countries like Sweden, Finland and Portugal.

Fears of a further Swedish devaluation have already lead to rumours of a full-scale withdrawal of Russian sales in the face of deteriorating price levels and there has been some fairly heavy "selling-on" especially by smaller United Kingdom operators.

Hopes of a lift-off in housing after reflationary moves in the autumn provide further encouragement though the absence of any such boost may turn out to be the trigger for takeover talks throughout the sector.

Meanwhile, the shares of International up 2p to 105p and Meyer up 4p to 68p yesterday offer yields of 9.1 per cent and 9.3 per cent respectively. While the p/e ratios are 5.4 against Meyer's 3.2. This seems an adequate reflection of the possibilities given that both groups are unlikely to make further significant progress this year.

Exchange rate policy 2

The case for holding down sterling

Michael Surrey, editor of the National Institute Economic Review, contributes the second of three articles on exchange rate policy. A further article on this topic by Wynne Godley, director of the Department of Applied Economics, Cambridge University, will be published early next week

The question of what exchange rate policy should be in the medium-term is inextricably bound up with the question of how the potential benefits of North Sea oil should best be realized.

For the next few years, at any rate on present policies, oil is going to lead to substantial balance of payments surpluses. These surpluses in turn, both by creating excess demand for sterling and, more significantly, through their effects on confidence, will tend to generate upward pressure on the exchange rate.

Should this pressure be welcomed or even encouraged? The case for doing so rests largely on the connexion between changes in the exchange rate and domestic price inflation.

An upward movement in the rate lowers the sterling price of imports. This affects the domestic price level both directly (imports of finished goods) and indirectly (raw materials and intermediate goods).

Furthermore, it can be argued that to the extent that money wage claims are moderated in response to this exchange rate effect on the price level, the initial effect may be considerably magnified as lower increases in money wages mean lower rises in domestic costs of production and thus prices.

If this analysis is correct, an exchange rate policy which allowed or encouraged upward movements would be a powerful weapon in the struggle against inflation.

There are, however, serious doubts about this argument for upward movements in sterling's parity. At the first stage, given the share of import costs in total costs of production, an appreciation in the exchange rate of about 4-5 per cent is needed to restrain domestic prices by 1 per cent.

The force of the case for a rising rate thus hinges on the power of the subsequent price-wage-price response.

There are three points about this. First, the response of wages to price increases is substantially removed when an incomes policy is in operation—unless, of course, wages are explicitly indexed to prices as they were under the "threshold agreements" phase of the last Conservative government's policy.

Secondly, in the absence of an incomes policy, the evidence for the existence of a close link between wages and prices is not very strong. This may be because the case for a spiral operates asymmetrically—money wages may respond to a rise in prices, but price restraint may be taken by wage-bargainers as a windfall gain in real incomes which would not be "paid for" in terms of consequentially restrained increases in money wages.

For all these reasons then, the case for a rising exchange rate as an anti-inflation policy seems rather weak.

It is probably worth stressing—though it ought not to be—that rational discussion of exchange rate policy is not helped when talk of sterling's being "strong" or "doing well" necessarily implies a rise in the rate. A change in the parity is "good" when its net effects on the economy are beneficial: whether it is an upward or a downward movement which is good in this sense is precisely what is at issue.

By contrast, there is a strong case for managing the rate in such a way as at least to preserve the current level of United Kingdom price competitiveness in non-oil trade. Depending on the success or otherwise of the control of domestic inflation by other policies, this could even involve attempting to depreciate the rate.

This case turns on drawing a sharp distinction between trade in oil and other trade. A good deal has been said about using the benefits of North Sea oil to "restructure" or "regenerate" British industry. Most of this talk has been uncomfortably vague about how this is actually to be done.

What is clear is that a policy which responded to oil-generated surpluses by allowing a progressive deterioration in the competitiveness and volume of non-oil trade would certainly militate against such a regeneration.

This is not simply a matter of what happens when the oil runs out, crucially important though that is. But oil production itself creates rather little direct employment, whereas a decline in non-oil exports—implicit in a policy which allowed sterling to float upwards while United Kingdom costs were not rising more slowly than those of foreign competitors—would directly and significantly reduce domestic employment and increase unemployment still further.

This is not to argue that the preservation or improvement of non-oil competitiveness is itself the key to the improvement of British industrial structure and performance: cases of varying degrees of plausibility and feasibility can certainly be made for greater state intervention or planning participation, for direct controls on imports to foster domestic demand for domestic products or for the use of fiscal and monetary policy to similarly expand domestic demand, for instance.

But such policies would at best be hindered and at worst rendered futile by a policy which encouraged the appreciation of sterling over the next few years. They would, on the other hand, be actively assisted by a policy of depreciation or, at a minimum, stability.

It is worth bearing in mind that in 1977 and 1978 the non-oil current account is forecast to be in deficit to the tune of some £2,000m a year, even with the current and expected depressed state of home demand; at anything approaching full employment, the annual rate of non-oil deficit might be of the order of £3,000m-£4,000m.

There is one caveat. Naturally, the arguments set out earlier in favour of a policy of appreciation as a counter-inflationary tool work, if they are valid, against a policy of maintaining or improving competitiveness through depreciation.

If a fall in the exchange rate sets off a wage price spiral of sufficient severity to undo the initial gain in competitiveness, nothing would have been gained and much—in the form of greater inflation—lost. But, as was stressed earlier, the empirical evidence at best only weakly supports the existence of a spiral of this force and in any case incomes policy can, though with obvious difficulties which have not yet been fully resolved, break in to such a spiral.

More important, the fact that the economy is now producing so far below capacity strongly suggests that any expansion is likely to be associated with very substantial increases in output per man. This increase in productivity would greatly weaken the effects of any rise in money wages on costs per unit of output and hence on prices.

The case for an exchange rate policy which at least maintains non-oil trade competitiveness is thus part of the case for a more general strategy which aims to expand production, investment and employment in British industry while the balance of payments is protected by oil.

Is such a policy practicable? Research at the National Institute confirms the commonsense view that the level of the exchange rate is influenced by movements in unit costs relative to those of our competitors, by changes in relative interest rates and by the state of the current balance. Other things being equal, this means that as the current balance moves into substantial (oil-generated) surplus, there is likely to be upward pressure on the exchange rate. A policy which aimed to hold or depress the rate would therefore require active intervention.

This could take place in any or all of a variety of ways.

First, the current account surpluses could be used in part to repay official international indebtedness ahead of schedule, where this is feasible. For example, of the total of some $19,000m of public sector foreign currency debt repayable before 1986, at least drawings on the IMF credit tranches and oil facility explicitly allow for some flexibility of repayment dates, while other, nominally fixed-term, loans could no doubt be repaid sooner rather than later.

Secondly, as Britain joins the oil-surplus countries, she may encounter familiar pressures to "re-cycle" her surpluses; these pressures need not, and perhaps should not, be resisted.

Thirdly, taking the capital acount of the balance of payments more generally, there is no reason why Britain should not become a substantially greater net exporter of capital.

Fourthly, domestic reflation would, by raising imports, reduce the surpluses and thus directly reduce the upward pressure on the exchange rate; the drawbacks (as well as the advantages) of this tactic are obvious.

Finally, and most conventionally, the authorities could simply sell sterling as required and accumulate foreign reserves. This would help to prevent the post-oil recurrence of the chronic inadequacy of the reserves in relation to balance of payments movements which characterized the 1950s and 1960s.

It may seem paradoxical to argue that a country in balance of payments surplus should resist pressures to revalue. But after the Opec oil crisis, it quickly became conventional to discuss economic policy in relation to the "non-oil" deficit.

We should similarly now discuss policy—and particularly exchange rate policy—in terms of the non-oil balance and not in terms of the overall balance. When that is done, the case for holding the exchange rate down becomes compelling.

Caroline Atkinson and David Blake

Spain takes another dose of the medicine

The only choice the Spanish Government had about the devaluation of the peseta was when: and even on that its room for manoeuvre has been eaten away in the past few weeks by the rising cost of intervening on the foreign exchange markets to try to prop up the rate.

Each year since 1974 the country has run a current account deficit of well over $3,000m, reaching $4,250m in 1976 (4.1 per cent of gross domestic product). This year the figure is expected to be much the same.

That is not surprising considering the speed with which wage costs have been increasing. The world recession of the past four years has coincided with the end of Franco's rule.

The transition to democracy has been marked by very rapid increases in Spanish living standards at a time when the rest of the world was adjusting its expectations downwards. The share of wages in national income has shot up from 57 per cent in 1970 to a little over 66 per cent in 1976.

Wages have been rising in the past few months at an annual rate of 30 per cent, which has fed inevitably into faster price inflation. An acceleration of consumer prices in the first three months of this year has left them showing monthly rises of nearly 2.5 per cent.

This has coincided with a slowdown in inflation in most of Spain's trading partners. Whereas Spanish inflation in the decade to 1975 was running steadily above the average level in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development it was at least moving in the same direction. Over the last year this has not been the case. As consumer prices accelerated during 1976, there was a widening gap between rates of price increases in Spain and those overseas.

A deterioration in the external account was bound to accompany a spurt upwards in the level of wages. But the oil price rise and ensuing world slump has made this particularly severe.

These hit especially hard at two of Spain's main sources of foreign earnings. Tourism, which was booming in the early part of the decade and was expected to expand even more rapidly with the opening up of the American market, is one.

The money sent home by Spain's many emigrant workers is the other.

The net surplus on the travel account fell sharply between 1975 and 1976. Spanish tourists abroad increased their spending slightly, while the amount of dollars spent by tourists in Spain fell by 11½ per cent. Tourism contributed over $3,000m to Spain's overseas earnings in 1975, but only $2,690m last year.

Monuments to the sudden collapse of Spain's tourist industry can be seen all along its long Mediterranean coastline. Half-built hotels, conference centres, and holiday flats, which were abandoned by bankrupt developers three years ago, surround all the tourist centres. And even these are less full of freely spending holiday makers than they used to be.

In common with the other poorer, southern European countries Spain has provided a large part of the workforce to the richer northern countries. As employment in agriculture has declined workers have left Spain for industrial jobs abroad. Foreign exchange earnings from the remittances of migrant workers to their families at home grew from $150m a year in 1962 to $900m by 1973.

But foreign workers in Germany and elsewhere were the first to lose their jobs in the economic slowdown. With unemployment remaining high throughout the industrial world this source of overseas income has fallen dramatically and is unlikely to rise again for several years.

While these twin buttresses of Spain's invisible earnings have weakened, a structural imbalance in visible trade has worsened. Spanish exports accounted for less than 9 per cent of gdp in 1976, compared to a figure of nearly twice that for imports.

Economic policy in Spain has been partly to blame for this. The domestic market was heavily protected in the 1960s, and businessman have tended to exploit the captive home market before turning their efforts towards exporting.

Imports, meanwhile, have shot up with the general rise in earnings, despite the sporadic imposition of import controls.

Oil imports have contributed substantially to the worsening trade position. The Spanish Government's reaction to the oil price increase of October 1973 must be held to blame for some of today's problems. Oil consumption was allowed to rise in volume terms despite the huge burden this placed on the balance of payments. Consumers have been largely shielded from the price rise in oil products (apart from petrol).

The failure to impose a stabilization policy in the immediate aftermath of higher oil prices has increased the need for such a policy now. That process will be painful. For although there have been sharp increases in the living standards of those in work, the country starts its stabilization from a point where unemployment is already high and prospects for creating jobs in the future are not good.

Total employment fell last year by 1.3 per cent, with a particularly sharp drop in industrial jobs as firms tried to rationalize production to cope with higher wage bills.

The increase in unemployment was predictable and sharp, with even the official statistics (which fail to record everyone) showing a rise from 4.2 per cent of the work force to 5.1 per cent. The future prospects are made bleaker by the fact that investment hardly grew at all last year after recording a 3 per cent fall in 1975.

For an economy as badly in need of a structural shift towards manufacturing as that of Spain, this is an unacceptable performance. Although agriculture accounts for only 9 per cent of gross domestic product it occupies 23 per cent of the workforce, and the inevitable drift from the land seems certain to go on. Yet manufacturing is not taking up the workers released from the land; a failing which is not new (almost half the workers leaving agriculture in the sixties went into the service sector) but is becoming more acute.

The reason for this lies in the particular kind of industrialization which Spain has pursued, aimed at heavily capital intensive industries rather than producing goods with a higher labour content. That strategy was aimed at making Spain a modern industrial country as quickly as possible, the sort of nation which could seek and expect to find acceptance within the EEC.

Membership of the Community would be above all of political importance to Spain, since it would provide a ticket of respectability. But economically it would also be important. Spanish agriculture could expect to benefit heavily

But the EEC summit meeting in London a few weeks ago, showed that these benefits will be delayed for some time. For the next few years at least Spain will have to carry on outside.

In trying to do so, devaluation can only be a first step. It will have to be followed up by a domestic austerity package to make sure that the advantages gained are not eaten away as the advantages gained from the 10 per cent devaluation in February of last year were eroded by higher import prices leading to more wage demands.

Whether any Spanish government will be able to enforce such a programme and stick to it remains to be seen. Certainly the pressures on Europe's newest democracy will be very severe indeed.

Business Diary: Cook's tour de force • Mitchell for NCC

Thomas Cook and controversy seem to go together. At the time of the takeover by Midland Bank tour operators were justifiably terrified that Cook's tours would be sold over the counter at every Midland branch.

This time, however, the focus shifts from banking to the building societies, with whom Cook's have already negotiated two deals and may soon be announcing more.

Yesterday, Alan Mason, the general manager of the Bradford-based Provincial Building Society, proudly announced an excursion into holiday savings with a special account which from September will enable depositors interest of 7.2 per cent as well as a discount of 5 per cent up to £50 per person on a Thomas Cook package tour.

This did not go down at all well on the other side of the Pennines, where the Liverpool Building Society had a few hours earlier released brief details of "what must be the most imaginative and original scheme"—a holiday share scheme with, of all people Thomas Cook.

Norman Hughes, the Liverpool assistant general manager, told us: "This is not sour grapes, but we lay total claim to the originality of our scheme." This was to be launched in September to coincide with the society's centenary.

The Liverpool aims to hit back by selling Cook's travellers cheques free of commission.

Thomas Cook said diplomatically that discussions were going on with a number of building societies and that arrangements with the Liverpool were not completed.

☐ Jeremy Mitchell is heading back to the fertile fields of controversy with his new appointment as Director of the National Consumer Council.

Mitchell, who is 43, has been Director of Consumer Affairs at the Office of Fair Trading since that body was established in 1973. He succeeds John Hosker on the latter's retirement in October.

The NCC was established two years ago by Shirley Williams, the then Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, to be a "thorn in her flesh." It is the job of the NCC chairman Michael Young, the founder of the Consumers Association, the daddy of them all, to provide a "third voice" to balance those of the TUC and the CBI on issues affecting users of goods and public services.


Jeremy Mitchell

Young's and Hosker's sharpest "thorn" sprouted this time last year, by which time the side into which it was to be jabbed was not that of Mrs Williams but Roy Hattersley's. This was *Consumers and the Nationalized Industries* (HMSO £3.50), an NCC report which says that the nationalized industries, and particularly transport, do not meet consumer needs properly.

At least half the individual complaints received by nationalized industries were handled unsatisfactorily and the industries' own consumer councils were ineffective, the NCC said.

Since then, the NCC has denounced the Bullock proposals for worker participation as a "carve-up" between labour and capital and told the Chancellor that he should allow price rises of no more than 9 per cent if inflation is to be brought below 10 per cent.

Although Government-funded, the NCC successfully pressed against the Government's wishes to have the nationalized industries treated in the same way as the private sector by the reconstituted Price Commission.

"They're lucky. They are going to Spain next week."

Mitchell, an economist and statistician, is therefore returning to the fray at a particularly lively time. He joined the Consumers Association, publishers of *Which?* after Oxford, but ceased to be a pressure groupie when after seven years he left, first for Neddy and then for the Social Science Research Council.

He should enjoy his return to the rough-and-tumble—OFT's work is far less swashbuckling than that of the NCC. His job was to marshal the research that would enable his director-general, Gordon Borrie, to make recommendations to the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection for better business practice.

However, Borrie's recommendations have first to be filtered through an outside committee and, even if an idea gets through, action can be slow to follow.

■ Howard Fraser, the deputy chairman of Stanley Gibbons International and managing director of the group's stamp business, spends much of his time preaching the investment value of stamps. He is wishing he could say the same for wine.

Fraser took over his present SGI roles last January, having moved to London from Frankfurt, where he had started a stamp dealing business sold to the British firm in 1963.

When he came to move house, however, he found that the contents of his wine cellar had to stay behind. He has been able neither to bring the wine to Britain not to sell it.

The trouble, he told me yesterday, is that his Frankfurt cellar contains about 2,000 bottles of French and German wines going back to 1953. HM Customs & Excise were unwilling to allow him to bring the wine with him, other than by paying current duty levels, which with transport costs would have meant spending up to £4,000.

On the other hand, the wine is in lots of two's and three's and no single parcel is more than 200, too small he thinks to make it worth the while of a commercial buyer.

When I left him yesterday he was saying moodily that he was thinking of going over with some friends to the Frankfurt house (which also, alas, remains unsold) and drinking the lot.

Sign of the times: seen in a Holborn, London shop—a typewriter with Arabic characters, for a mere £747.36 including VAT. The English equivalent, according to the assistant, was £598.32.

Stock markets

Confidence returns but subdued

On the face of it, confidence has flooded back into the market after the first gloomy day of the account and shares were marked up across the board.

Confidence, however, is by no means strong or represents the whole picture to yesterday's sharp market upturn. Dealers were somewhat short of stock and prices thus reacted well to small, if persistent, demand.

Buying stemmed from hopes that a pay deal is not quite lost and from further consideration of Monday's Wholesale Prices Index.

Gilt-edged securities started the session in good form with rises of an ¼ to ½ scored initially. Thereafter, they were noticeably quiet and it was difficult to detect much movement in either direction.

What is happening to Booker McConnell, the food and engineering group? The shares have come up from a year's "low" of 94p to 200p with a 17p gain in the past week. The latest surge cannot be fully ascribed to the cash received from Central Wagon. Dealers complain that this stock is particularly badly handled but a large, persistent buyer is in the market.

Leading equities stepped firmly in the right direction and the *FT* Index climbed 6.5 to 446.3, for a 1.5 per cent advance.

ICI recovered from the previous day's rash of employee sales and rose 3p to 395p, while other "blue chip" counters followed suit. Glaxo were wanted at 542p, for a gain of 9p on the day. Beecham climbed 6p to 492p and Unilever increased 8p to 480p.

Among other major issues, Distillers advanced 3½p to 141½p on anticipation of the whisky giant's imminent results and Hawker Siddeley put on 4p to 174p. Reed International, on the other hand, lost 6p to 178p after more consideration of the accounts.

The banks were also in demand. In brisk dealings Barclays put on 5p to 275p, while National Westminster climbed by a similar amount to 225p. Lloyds & Scottish were wanted at 93p, up 2p on the day, and it is thought that Lloyds is preparing to buy out its big partner, the Royal Bank of Scotland.

The star of the financials pitch, nevertheless, was Grindlays where expectations concerning the forthcoming results put the shares 10p firmer at 101p.

In properties, Peachey is looking for some substance in the next results and climbed 4½p to 42p, while further thoughts on the recent annual accounts were worth another 6p on Bradford Property at 142p.

Second-line stocks once more fell into two broad categories where moved, those reacting to figures and those responding to bids, actual or rumoured.

The disappointing dividend and cash-call knocked 4p off Inveresk, the paper producer, to 66p.

In timbers, both Montague L. Meyer and International Timber were pleased with their results and gained 4p to 68p and 2p to 105p respectively. Wilkinson Match were also a firm market after the annual figures and climbed 5p to 156p.

On the bid front, Fodens lost 7p to 48p on the failure of the Rolls-Royce approach, but the prestige motor manufacturer climbed 4p to 70p.

Elsewhere, rumours blew up again in three "chestnuts". The start of Eurocanadian's divestments added 14p to 314p to Furness Withy while Pork Farms, a periodic bid candidate, blew hot again and the shares rose 8p to 250p.

And Redfearn National Glass, one of the liveliest counters over the last ten days and more, saw another big rise of 12p to 200p.

Negretti & Zambra, strong on takeover chatter this week, quashed bid rumours but disclosed that it was holding talks which may lead to a bid for another company.

The firm trend continued in after-hours business, although gilts remained somnolent. Equity turnover on July 11 was £43.06m (15,074 bargains).

Opinions vary on the benefits from Campari's one-for-six "B" share scrip issue. The new class of stock will obviously open at a discount since it will not rank for the 1977 or 1978 dividends. Pegged, however, to the ordinary share price they should enjoy a good run when the annual results are released in September. The leisure goods group, which now has trustee status, should make about £1.5m pre-tax against £887,000 last time.

Active stocks, according to Exchange Telegraph yesterday, were ICI, Barclays, BAT Dfd, Shell, BP Ord, Distillers, Rank Organisation, National Westminster, Lloyds, Inveresk, GEC, Swan Hunter, Marks & Spencer, GKN, Courtaulds.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Anglo Am						
Asphalt (F)	4(6.5)	1(0.9)	—	1.41(1.3)	8/9	2.38(2.16)
A C Cars (I)	1.3(1.07)	0.09(0.07)	2.16(1.9)	0.35(0.35)	—	—
Concrete	51.7(32.4)	2.4(1.3)	12.4(6.8)	—	—	—
Dares Estates	2.56(2.36)	0.005†(0.5*)	0.07(7.8*)	Nil	—	Nil
Diamond						
Stylus (F)	1.36(1.2)	0.13(0.12)	3(2.2)	0.5(0.46)	—	0.8(0.8)
ERF (F)	38.4(26.12)	1.7(0.11*)	28.6(3.33)	1.75(1.3)	—	3.25(1.3)
Fuller Smith (F)	13.09(10.24)	1.01(0.67)	—	—	—	—
Hogg						
Robinson (F)	24.5(18.7)	8(5.9)	18.28(13.85)	2.28(1.43)	3/10	5.525(3.38)
Int Timber (F)	140.15(114.37)	6.52(0.9)	24.7(3.4)	3.7(3.4)	—	6.2(5.64)
Inveresk (I)	33(18.6)	1.5(0.3)	—	1.37(1.25)	23/9	—
Kenning						
Estates (I)	0.64(0.69)	0.68(0.73)	—	—	—	—
Mont. Meyer (F)	222(165)	14.29(8.16)	21.4(—)	2.82(2.85)	—	4.12(3.75)
Kenning Motor (I)	95.6(76.1)	2.65(1.56)	5.3(3.2)	1.5(1.3)	3/10	—(3.71)
D. MacPherson (I)	28(18.6)	1.4(1.1)	4.4(3.8)	0.94(0.86)	5/9	—
Nell & Spencer (I)	4.7(3.6)	0.28(0.13)	—	0.51(0.65)	15/9	—
Nthn Irish (I)	—	27.7(27)	—	0.25(0.25)	—	—
R. & J. Pullman	11.3(9.3)	0.96(0.81)	11.2(9.3)	5.72(5.2)	—	8.26(7.5)
Ratners (F)	11.2(8.5)	1.4(0.9)	19.6(14.8)	0.58(0.58)	—	1.14(1.04)
R. Riley (F)	0.68(0.58)	0.11(0.09)	—	0.32(0.65)	—	0.5(0.82)
Sec Gt Nthn						
Inv (F)	—	0.57(0.48)	1.76(1.44)	0.7(0.6)	—	1.86(1.06)
Siebe Gorman	36.3(26.3)	4.05(2.8)	18.7(14.5)	3.03(2.75)	—	5.00(4.55)
R. W. Toothill (F)	2.8(3.8)	0.15*(0.3)	9.66*(21.17)	—(2.87)	—	—(4.12)
Utd Brit Sec (F)	—	1.8(1.6)†	7.95(6.93)	5.95(4.85)	31/8	7.95(6.85)
R. Kelvin						
Watson (F)	3(2.6)	0.34(0.5)	5.28(7.89)	1.12(1.02)	—	2.12(1.92)
Wilkinson						
Match (F)	182.69(151)	12.34(9.5)	20.18(16.33)	4.85(4.41)	—	8.23(7.48)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. * Loss. ‡ Net.

Clyde Pet salvo at Lyon & Lyon rejection

By Our Financial Staff

Another stinging salvo has been fired by Clyde Petroleum in its effort to gain control of motor vehicle to ship building and repairing company Lyon & Lyon.

In a two-page letter to shareholders, Mr W. Gibson Biggart, chairman of Clyde, denounces the Lyon board's rejection document and hits out at the directors themselves.

"In a four-year period of wages/dividend restraint, your board's aggregate emoluments have risen fourfold until they actually exceeded the amount paid out as dividends to Ordinary shareholders", says Mr Biggart. And he adds that although the directors hold beneficially under 4 per cent of the ordinary shares, they have refused to discuss the offer with the Clyde board.

Mr Michael Lyon, chairman, proposed raising the 1977 dividend from 3.48p to 9.24p but this, says Clyde, would result in the assets of the company being converted into income in the short term. There is no guarantee that such a dividend could again be earned or repeated, they added.

And Clyde points out that Lyons 1976 report and accounts include quoted investments of £185,000 against a disclosed real value of £127,000. "No provision for this loss was made either in the profit and loss account or in the balance sheet."

In addition to its petroleum interest Clyde is involved in vehicle assembly and distribution and promise stability of employment to the workforce. In contrast there has been a staff reduction of more than 50 per cent in the past five years, says Mr Biggart.

Under the terms of the bid, Clyde are offering 50p cash a share, against a pre-offer price of 40p. The price is now standing at 60p reflecting, says Mr Biggart, hopes of a higher offer or an alternative bidder.

The Clyde offer has been extended until Friday, July 22.

Wilkinson Match sparks in 30 pc rise to top £12m

By Desmond Quigley

Wilkinson Match increased pre-tax profits by 30 per cent to £12.3m in the year to the end of last March. This is the first time it has exceeded the £11.3m made in the first year of the merger back in 1973-74.

Turnover rose by 21 per cent to £183m, while operating profit rose 19 per cent to £15.3m. But a cut in interest payments from £3.3m to £2.9m provided the extra rise at the pre-tax level. However, with a net extraordinary gain of £4,000 against the previous year's debit of £1.62m, the net attributable profit jumped from £2.04m to £4.52m.

With the total gross dividend increased by the maximum permissible to 12.67p a share, the shares, up 5p to 156p yesterday, are yielding 8.12 per cent and selling at just over eight times earnings of 18.83p a share.

Although WM has sorted out most of its post-merger problems there are still a few areas which are causing difficulties. The writing instruments side increased its losses over the year from £142,000 to £205,000 after having turned in a £51,000 profit in the first half. While the United States side of the business is now doing better, the United Kingdom has been doing very badly, partly as a result of poor acceptance new products brought out update previous models.

Mr Denys Randolph, chairman of Wilkinson Match.

While there was a net extraordinary credit of £4.0 lighters have been somethi approaching a disaster in t United States, where there h been rationalization at the c of some £500,000 (more th offset by property disposa with further action still need

The United Kingdom has be a good market for the grow personal products—such razor blades and sunglasse but in the United States, pa cularly, margins have be squeezed somewhat par through heavy competition a consequently high promotion costs.

The safety and protection s tor, where WM is in the t specialist end, put up a stro performance increasing prof from £1.63m to £2.45m a margins from 8.4 per cent 10.6 per cent.

The group is now looking a similar profit increase t year.

Siebe Gorman tops £4m with 45 pc rise

By Tony May

On the back of a rise of 38 per cent in turnover to £36.3m, Siebe Gorman has achieved its 13th successive rise in pre-tax profits. Over the year to April 2, the rise is 42 per cent to £4.05m, reflecting a rise in margins from 10.8 per cent to 11.15 per cent.

The group, which designs and makes advanced-technology fire fighting and underwater products, industrial safety and survival equipment, as well as leisure wear, is raising its gross dividend from 7p to 7.77p for the year. Earnings a share are up 29 per cent to 18.7p.

The group took over Steepleglade earlier this year for £1.1m cash. This company makes "Inega" men's and women's clothing and has contributed £306,000 to profits and £3.2m to sales.

Before adding extraordinary items of £16,000, compared with a charge of £206,000, attributable profits are £1.9m against £1.24m.

At half-time, two new acquisitions, Adams Bros (Raunds) and Arne Gustavssons, were making profits in line with their potential, and had made a modest contribution to the group's 16 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.5m.

Stringent control of all expenditure and outgoings throughout the group helped it to maintain its competitive edge in the prevailing difficult trading conditions, and the second half brought in a 64 per cent rise in profits to £2.5m.

Expansion under way at Colgate

New York.—Mr David Foster, the chairman and chief executive of Colgate-Palmolive Co, has taken the former stodgy household products company—facing stagnation in its traditional toothpaste and soap markets—and launched it on a bold programme of diversification into hospital supplies, cosmetics, sports equipment and foods, writes *AP-Dow Jones*.

Under his zealous and ever-fulfil rule, Colgate is changing itself apace. During the past five years it has laid out $935 (about £544m) in shares and cash to acquire 17 companies, including Kendall Co, Helena Rubinstein Inc and Riviana Foods.

On sales of $3,510m Colgate's net income last year topped $149m — more than three times the 1971 level.

The acquired businesses accounted for $1,220m of sales and $46.7m of the profits. Moreover, Mr Foster says "I'd like another $1,000m in sales from our non-traditional businesses."

On Wall Street, he is beginning to get the kind of recognition he has wanted. Even so, Colgate's stock is currently trading at about $25 a share, down from its 1972 record of over $35. Analysts note that Mr Foster has not regained much, if any, of the ground Colgate lost earlier in its archrival, Procter & Gamble Co. Moreover, Mr Foster does not intend to alter the company's heavy reliance on foreign operations.

The biggest and most important difference Mr Foster has brought to the company has been a willingness—indeed, eagerness—to risk Colgate's capital on major acquisitions.

Poor weather fails to hold back Marks & Spencer

The volume of trading by Marks & Spencer, the "St Michael" stores chain, in the current year—from April 1—had been encouraging, the chairman, Sir Marcus Sieff, told the annual meeting in London.

This was despite the fact that earlier weather had been highly unseasonable, with virtually no spring, which had some effect on sales of summer goods.

Recent sales, however, had been "more than good", Sir Marcus told more than 500 shareholders.

The export department continued to make excellent progress and was becoming a worthwhile and profitable section of the business. The group was well on target to achieve £65m to £70m exports this year.

Turning to overseas ventures, Sir Marcus said the Paris and Brussels stores were trading profitably, but the new store at Lyons was still trading at a loss. Progress was being made in Canada, where interests include 65 Marks & Spencer stores.

Within a short time, both Europe and Canada were expected to be making a worthwhile contribution to group profits.

Building of the Kensington, London, store was on schedule. It would open in October.

Marks & Spencer was giving £250,000, spread over ten years, to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund.

Pilkington Brothers

Potential at the crossroads

Pilkington Brothers has come to a crossroads in its development: the eventual decline of licensing income, which will begin to tail off as the float glass licences expire from 1982 onwards, is now close enough to be a factor affecting the share price, while the potential of the group's new developments is still largely an unknown quantity.

In the meantime Pilkington's big expansion programme, financed largely from royalties, which has taken £300m in the last 10 years, is levelling off. Apart from a continuing updating requirement of around £15m a year, and the building of a new plant in St Helens, which is likely to begin next year, the world-wide development of its own float glass plants is largely complete.

Although it can only be taken as a guide, capital commitments given in the annual report, published today, for the current year are down from £52.3m to £28m. The commitment figure last year was only £6m short of the eventual expenditure.

Working capital absorbed a further £37m, and will continue to grow, but cash flow last year was running at £96.6m, and with profits likely to rise again this year, this should rise further.

The new United Kingdom plant, however, costing around £60m will be a large item to take in a single year, and the pattern of capital spending is bound to fluctuate, but it will begin to swing away from float glass and into the new products.

The optical division, this year, for instance, will have a negative cash flow as money is spent on the new acquisition Barr & Stroud, the new and potentially hugely important fibre-optics communications system, and the development of photocromic lenses. The last could be particularly significant given Pilkington's failure to persuade the Monopolies Commission to let it take United Kingdom Optical, but its apparent determination to continue to look at diversifications in this field.

Comfil, the fibre-additive for strengthening concrete, is moving into profitability and although potential profits are unlikely to match the growth provided by the invention of the float glass process there are already 300 licensees.

Developments in safety glass, too, are beginning to pay off, and the Triplex Ten Twenty laminated car windscreen is being produced in quantity for the new Rover, while the new fibreglass insulation plant which opened at Pontyfelin last year was one of the factors in the better-than-expected second half profits.

Taken all together the new developments should have the potential to make up for the decline in licensing income, but in the shorter term, Pilkington suffers from the nasty memory of the sharp decline in its profits two years ago, and its continuing dependence on the construction industry.

Construction, worldwide, should pick up next year, although it will be left to royalties to provide growth in the current year.

The prospect of a positive cash flow for the group as a whole and the ending of dividend restraint, could lift the major brake from the shares in the 4 per cent yield. But the shares have already performed well against the market since the results came out, and although the future looks good reliance on new inventions is a risky way to live.

Nicholas Hirst

No dividend, as Toothill makes loss

Furniture manufacturers R. W. Toothill are not paying any dividend for the year to March 31 following a pre-tax loss of £150,000, compared with a profit last time of £304,000 when shareholders received a total gross payment of 6.35p.

Sales, excluding VAT, contracted from £3.76m to £2.8m. The board explains that in the final quarter Toothill experienced unexpectedly difficult conditions and instead of making progress further losses were incurred.

However, the directors are sure that with a strong balance-sheet and the ample facilities available they can look forward with confidence in the long term to a profitable future, although in the short term trading will continue to be very difficult.

NEGRETTI & ZAMBRA

In light of share-price rises, board says no approach has been made to the company, but it is talking about a bid of its own.

DIMPLEX INDUSTRIES

Discussions which were taking place have now been terminated, so the receiver has decided that it is now essential to scale down operations and a substantial number of redundancies has been declared. Discussions are still in hand with several parties.

AUSTRIAN LOANS

Public offering by Austria of $50m of 7.80 per cent seven year bonds due 1984 and $50m of 8½ per cent 15 year bonds is announced.

ENI LOAN

ENI, Italian state-owned hydrocarbons corporation, has arranged a $200m loan on Euromarkets from a consortium of banks headed by Deutsche Bank. The loan to be for six years.

Briefly

TRUST HOUSES FORTE

Group has formed a subsidiary THF International Management, to coordinate expanding development activities in hotels and catering throughout the world.

JAMES WARREN

Meeting of loan stockholders held over sale of Dairy Tops did not constitute a quorum, so meeting adjourned until July 21.

VERNON FASHION

Sales are continuing in pattern as indicated in chairman's annual review. With about three weeks' trading until the end of the half to July 31 level of turnover "substantially higher" than corresponding period.

WALTER RUNCIMAN

Rights offer has closed with acceptances of 91.6 per cent.

Sparkler from Gatners (Jewellers)

By Ashley Druker

[illegible] amply endorsing the group's [illegible]rous approach to retailing, [illegible]ners (jewellers) not only [illegible]mped the preceding year's [illegible]ack but also turns in best [illegible]r profits for the year to [illegible]il 6, on the back of another [illegible]stantial sales rise. Trading [illegible]fits jumped 53 per cent to [illegible]m, while there was also an [illegible]raordinary first-time profit [illegible] £362,000 from the sale and [illegible]peback of four of its proper[illegible]

[illegible]xcluding the extraordinary [illegible]n and adjusting for the [illegible]talisation issue, earnings a [illegible]re trebled from 6.4p to [illegible]1p. But after adjustment for [illegible]erred tax relief on stocks, [illegible] comparative figure is in[illegible]ased to 14.89p. Sales were [illegible]shed up 32 per cent to [illegible]23m in a period of general [illegible]bs in consumer spending. [illegible]w branches also made a use[illegible] contribution. Meanwhile [illegible]reholders collect a gross [illegible]idend lifted from an adjusted [illegible]p to 1.75p.

[illegible]uccess in the domestic sec[illegible] has now encouraged the [illegible]rd to test its products on [illegible] Continent. A shop opened [illegible] April in Amsterdam has met [illegible]h "considerable" success. [illegible]re expansion is sought in [illegible]land and four units in prime [illegible]tions are being bought. In [illegible] United Kingdom ten further [illegible]lets were added in the year, [illegible] since year-end at April 6, five [illegible]ther units have also been [illegible]uired, including a fourth [illegible]ch in Oxford Street.

[illegible] Meantime, since the begin[illegible]g of the current year, sales [illegible]ve continued their buoyant [illegible]nd.

Inveresk rights seek to raise £2.1m towards expansion

By Alison Mitchell

On the back of pre-tax profits up more than fourfold at the half-way stage, Inveresk Group has announced a one-for-four right issue at 53p to raise £2.1m. This offers a 21 per cent discount on yesterday's 67p share price.

But there is to be no dividend increase above the permissible 10 per cent. Even without Government restrictions that would be the appropriate amount the board would raise the dividend this year, says Mr Thomas Corrigan, chairman.

An interim dividend of 2.1154p gross and an expected 5.2546p final will give shareholders a 7.37p total.

The money raised will be used primarily to finance the group's capital investment programme. Over the past two years expenditure on plant and machinery has totalled £3.9m and Mr Corrigan estimates that spending will continue at the rate of £2m to £2.5m annually.

Earlier this year the group announced at £3.2m modernization and expansion scheme for *Carrongrove Paper Mill in Stirlingshire*, financed in the main by the Scottish Development Agency and Government and local authority grants. In addition further investment in the improvement and expansion of production facilities is planned.

Inveresk also intends increasing the production of carton and board made from re-cycled waste paper, a scheme for which "substantial" grants should again be available.

By spreading the investment through the whole gamut of the group's business, Inveresk should improve its competitive-

Mr Thomas Corrigan, chairman of Inveresk Group.

ness and be able to take fuller advantage of any significant upturn in demand, says Mr Corrigan.

And over the past year, sales have been improving for the group. In the 24 weeks to June 11, external sales amounted to *£32.9m compared with £18.6m* for the corresponding period in 1976. Pre-tax profits rose from £291,000 to £1.5m. Although these figures include a first-time contribution from Lepard & Smiths (Holdings), there has been some volume increase

Profit margins, particularly in the paper and board manufacturing division show a slight improvement.

However, with the improving trend evident in the second half of last year continuing, Mr Corrigan is confident that the group will continue to show a steady improvement throughout the current year.

First-half jump of 70 pc at Kenning

By Our Financial Staff

As predicted earlier this year, the Kenning Motor Group has achieved improved pre-tax profits for the half-year to March 31—the rise, in fact, being 70 per cent to £2.65m—a record for a half-year.

Moreover, Mr C. Kenning, the chairman, declares that he now feels confident that the full year will again bring peak figures. Pre-tax profits for the year to September 30 last reached a best-ever £4.93m.

The first-half's result was lifted by "substantially increased" contributions from most of this motor distributor's activities, although Kennings Estates' profit fell slightly because of heavier expenditure on repairs and renewals. Kenning Motor owns the ordinary capital of Kennings Estates.

Kenning Motor's turnover rose from £76.1m to £95.6m. The interim payment is being raised from 2p to 2.31p gross. Earnings per 25p share are stated to be 5.3p (3.2p) basic *and 4.7p (2.9p) fully diluted.*

Mr Kenning reports that trading in new and second-hand vehicles improved despite shortages and service results were "well up", although profits on parts declined because of a lengthy strike at the factory. Truck centre sales and profits were also better.

Kenning Tyre Services showed "a marked increase" in both sales and profits, while Kenning Contract Hire again showed a record. Kenning Car Hire made "substantially progress", with more depots and vehicles being added to the fleet.

"Given the necessary deliveries", the chairman declares, "the combined car and contract-hire fleets should amount to aproximately 12,000 vehicles this summer."

Further increases were achieved in sales of motor fuels and lubricants, while authorized distributors produced better results.

Strong second half lifts ERF to record £1.7m before tax

By Victor Felstead

The hopes expressed by the board of E. R. F. (Holdings) in January's interim report have been more than justified. Having turned a pre-tax loss of £264,000 into a profit of £551,000, the board looked for the improvement continuing into the last half.

In fact, this heavy commercial vehicle manufacturer had an excellent second six months. Pre-tax profits for the year to April 2 shot up to £1.7m—far surpassing any previous year's result. This compares with a *loss of £118,000.*

This means E. R. F. made £1.15m pre-tax in the second half. Sales jumped 47 per cent to £38.42m for the full year. The board of this group, which is based at Sandbach, Cheshire, is paying a final dividend of 2.69p, making a total of 5p gross—more than double the previous year's 2p dividend. This is the maximum payment permitted.

Mr Peter Foden, the chairman and managing director, reports that all operating companies were profitable, with vehicle manufacturing showing a "substantial turnround" in both margins and turnover. United Kingdom sales had been much more buoyant and exports 25 per cent up. As well as its commercial side, E. R. F. makes fire-fighting vehicles.

Dealing with the group's principal interest in commercial vehicle production, the chairman explained that improved sales had allowed a return to profitable trading despite industrial problems, both internally and with a major supplier which had cost the loss of about five weeks' production.

Although there was still a general weakness in the European market, sales in South Africa had been good, with substantial progress in New Zealand, where E. R. F. now had a major share of the heavy vehicle market.

On prospects, Mr Foden said that while the past few years had seen a trend towards bigger manufacturing units and the virtual elimination of the smaller independent manufacturer, it was E. R. F.'s belief that its future was now becoming "clearer and more assured".

"Our return to profitable trading and the current state of our order book gives us every confidence".

Exports and overseas lift D Macpherson

By Ashley Druker

All sectors contributing, *Donald Macpherson Group* continued to mak eprogress in the opening stage to May 1 last. On the back of sales increased from £18.6m to £28.1m, exports more than trebled, pre-tax profit advanced from £1.12m to £1.37m. The latest half reflect the inclusion of sales and profits of Unerman Holdings for the first time. Earnings a share were lifted by 15 per cent to 4.6p a share.

According to Mr Rex Chester, chairman, the sharp improvement in export sales an din the profit performance of its overseas companies, along with a good contribution from Unerman, were the chief ingredients to the interim profits push. Meantime shareholders collect an interim dividend raised from 1.32p gross to 1.45p.

In line with the depressed state of retail sales generally, the DIY paint market failed to develop. Although Cover Plus maintained its share of the market contribution were down. The building paints operation similarly acquitted itself creditably in thankless market conditions.

As for the industrial market the slow recovery in the general level of industrial output continued to be reflected in the demand for the group's coating products. Early in May, in a move designed further to strengthen its leading position in the market, it acquired Batchelor Robinson Costings, maker of specialized industrial finishes, which is based in the Midlands.

For the final stage to end-October, Mr Chester hopes for some upswing in order levels in the DIY and building paints sectors. But overseas and export demand remain buoyant.

In the preceding full year pre-tax profits finished at £2.76m pre-tax on sales of £40.8m.

Hogg Robinson now eyes direct interest in US

By Our Financial Staff

Hogg Robinson, the insurance brokers, increased pre-tax profits by 36 per cent from £5.93m to £8.06m in the year to the end of March.

Following last year's rights issue the total gross dividend for the year has been increased from 5.2p a share to 8.5p a share. The shares rose 4p to 148p yesterday to yield 5.7 per cent.

Profits from insurance broking rose from £2.79m to £3.79m on turnover up to £13.4m while Lloyd's underwriting agencies increased profits from £1m to £1.3m.

Meanwhile Hogg Robinson is actively seeking to extend its presence in North America. Mr Morris Abbott, the company's chairman and chief executive, said yesterday that it would like to have a direct brokerage interest in the United States. This might be achieved by a share swop, he said, with Hogg Robinson possibly issuing 25 per cent of its equity to a United States broker for a return equity stake.

Again no payout from Dares Estates

By Our Financial Staff

Shareholders in Dares Estates, the building and property group, go without an ordinary dividend for the fourth year running. This is in spite of the fact that Dares made a profit, after interest and tax, of £5,000 in 1976, compared with the previous year's loss of £503,000.

After extraordinary items of £149,000, against £252,000 there is a profit of £154,000, compared with a £251,000 loss. Turnover was up from £2.36m to £2.56m.

Borrowings have been cut by £1.4m to £2.3m. The net asset value per share is now 12.6p—an increase of 24 per cent.

Dares is buying two pieces of land at Altrincham, Cheshire. One site is 1.66 acres with planning permission for 15 houses.

The consideration is payable on completion and out of the proceeds of the sale of each house and will be £9,000 per house. For the last seven houses, the consideration may be satisfied at the option of the vendor by Dares's shares.

The second site is about 1.5 acres and has planning permission for 12 units. The purchase price, subject to Dares taking over the existing mortgage of £16,000, is £53,000, satisfied by 528,670 shares.

Dares is also buying Sotonvale Development for £90,000, reduced by an amount related to the development land tax payable on development of the site at Marchwood, near Southampton.

As the vendor of Sotonvale and the Altrincham properties are companies associated with *Mr P. D. Jackson, the chairman* of Dares, contracts are conditional on approval by shareholders at an EGM after the annual meeting on August 8.

MALLINSON-DENNY

William Mallinson & Denny Mott has received approval for the change of name to Mallinson-Denny and will operate under that name from now on.

Expansion under way at Colgate

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Ferguson rights boost payout

Ferguson Industrial Holdings, [illegible] builders' and plumbers' [illegible] merchant, is to raise £939,000 [illegible] with a two-for-five rights issue [illegible] 53p, against a share price [illegible] which rose 3p to 68p yesterday.

This is the first time shareholders have been asked for [illegible] additional funds since the group [illegible] was floated in 1973 and the [illegible] money will be used to enable [illegible] the group to expand both internally and through acquisition. [illegible] the broadened financial base [illegible] will provide a stronger foundation [illegible] for raising additional funds [illegible] through borrowing says Mr D. [illegible] Vernon, chairman.

[illegible] the three months to May [illegible] sales rose 16 per cent to [illegible] compared with the corresponding period last year, while [illegible] pre-tax profits increased from [illegible] to £377,000.

[illegible] recommended final dividend of 5.125p raises the annual [illegible] to 8.359p while the directors [illegible] anticipate dividends will [illegible] 9.22p for the year [illegible] February 28, 1978. This [illegible] would give shareholders taking [illegible] the rights a gross dividend [illegible] of 17.42 per cent.

metrotect sales. This did not stop pre-tax profits from rising from £901,000 to £1m for the year to March 31. The group's policy towards deferred taxation has been revised and this has meant restating the comparative results.

The gross dividend goes up from 2.33p to 3.66p.

The group's rationalisation is now over and it is seeking alternative investments. The cash position is "even stronger than last year," the board notes.

Yearling bonds this week at 10 per cent

The interest rate on this week's issue of local authority yearling bonds is at 10 per cent with an issue price of 100. This compares with 9½ per cent at 99.15/16 last week. The biggest borrower is Liverpool, at £1.75m, followed by Birmingham, Bexley, Hillingdon, Preston and Southampton each with £1m. Two year bonds are favoured by Grampian and Hammersmith, with £1 apiece.

Combined Petroleum's £9m for town plan

Further evidence of renewed institutional enthusiasm for commercial property development comes with news that the Combined Petroleum Pension Fund is to provide £9m for the next stage of Redditch New Town's Kingfisher shopping centre.

The new scheme will consist of 300,000 sq ft of shop, office and residential space. The first shops should be opened by Christmas 1979.

Morgan-Grampian outlook is bright

After another year of record results the future for Morgan Grampian, the newspapers and magazines publishers, looks "very bright", the chairman, Mr Graham V. Sherren, confirms in his annual statement. In the United Kingdom the group has a number of new magazines to consolidate and launch.

The current 12 months will include a full year's *profit from* "Music Week", purchased last January, and the group will benefit from the "very exciting" addition of "The Practitioner", acquired on May 1.

The group has still not fully recovered from the past three years of dramatic inflation.

Tricentrol makes near-£1m purchase

Tricentrol has acquired the capital of Brown and White (Holdings), a Ford main dealer and truck specialist operating in Leeds, Wetherby and Garforth in Yorkshire. The cash consideration is £900,000 at completion, plus a sum equal to one third of the 1977 consolidated pre-tax profits of Brown, with a minimum of £40,000.

Dividend warning from A.C. Cars

Although it has held its interim dividend at 0.53p, AC Cars warns that it cannot be assumed that the overall dividend for the year to September 30, can be maintained at last year's level of 1.46p gross. This is because pre-tax profits in the second half of the year are unlikely to match the rise from £18.6m to £89,000 achieved over the first six months to March 31. Turnover went up from £1.07m to £1.3m, pointing to a fall in margins from 7.2 per cent to 6.7 per cent. Earnings a share are 2.16p against 1.9p.

Hongkong Land's £12m project

Crossroads

HK$100m (£12m) residen[illegible] development is planned by [illegible]ng Kong Land. The scheme [illegible] to be built in the May Road [illegible]a of Hongkong and is [illegible]eduled for completion by the [illegible] of 1979. Finance for the [illegible]k, as well as an integral [illegible]pping centre, is to come [illegible]m the group's existing bank [illegible]ilities.

Anglo American Asphalt [illegible]ps £1m mark

[illegible]urnover at Anglo American [illegible]phalt dipped from £6.5[illegible] to [illegible]05m following the disposal [illegible] some activities and lower [illegible]

Investors combat inflation by veering from stocks

Investors, it seems, have re[illegible] to the inflationary en[illegible]onment of recent years by [illegible]ning their backs on stocks, [illegible]ires Frank Vogl from Wash[illegible]ton. Stocks, compared with [illegible]st other investment media, [illegible]ve been the chief losers in [illegible] having maintained their [illegible]rchasing power in this [illegible]eriod. There may be a revival [illegible] interest in equities as prob[illegible]ns arise in commodities, real [illegible]te and some other alterna[illegible]es to stocks and as investors [illegible]cognize the low real value of [illegible]rporations as represented by [illegible]are prices.

These are the views of Mr [illegible] S. Salomon, jr, of Salomon [illegible]others, who has compiled the [illegible]ble below to illustrate his [illegible]nts. The figures used have [illegible]en based upon assorted offi[illegible]al statistics and the table is interesting in that the sharp difficulties in compound annual rates of return for alternative investments are not generally percieved accurately.

The percentage growth figures noted below should be compared with the compound annual rate of inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, which was 6.2 per cent for the last nine years. It will be seen that even bonds managed to exceed this rate.

COMPOUND GROWTH 1968-77

	Per cent
Stocks	2.6
Bonds	6.4
Housing	8.6
Farmland	11.1
Coins	12.3
Oil	12.5
Paintings (Old Masters)	13.0
Chinese ceramics	23.2

International

Comfin Aust shares suspended

Trading in Comfin Australia shares has been suspended in Brisbane. This follows news that Beaver Finance Pty filed a winding-up petition on the grounds of Comfin's alleged inability to pay its debts. The suspension will continue at least until full clarification is received from Comfin on its finances, including payment of the interim dividend previously due on June 17 and deferred until July 29.

In its report to the exchange, Comfin said that Beaver is claiming some $A26,000. The petition is set down for hearing on August 1. Its shares closed at 45c. The company has an issued capital of 2.36m 50c par shares.

Morgan-Schuman link

Morgan Stanley and Shuman Agnew announced in New York an agreement in principle for the combination of Shuman Agnew with Morgan Stanley. Shuman Agnew will become a wholly-owned but largely autonomous unit of Morgan Stanley and will preserve its identity as Shuman Agnew, an affiliate of Morgan Stanley. The agreement is subject to the final approval of the stockholders of both firms.—AP—DJ.

Mellon increase

Net profit of Mellon National Corporation showed a rise from $15.12m to $17.01m for the second quarter of 1977, making a rise from $29.16m to $33.39m for the half-year. Assets stand at some $9,700m, deposits at $6,700m and loans $5,100m.—Reuter.

Business appointments

New deputy chairman at Finance for Industry

Sir Eric Faulkner has been [illegible]med joint deputy chairman—[illegible]th Mr L. V. D. Tindale—of [illegible]nance For Industry and its [illegible]jor subsidiaries, Industrial and [illegible]mmercial Finance Corporation [illegible]d Finance Corporation for [illegible]dustry.

Mr Simon Keswick, a director [illegible] Jardine Matheson, is leaving [illegible]ongkong to become a director [illegible] Jardine's wholly-owned [illegible]ondon-based subsidiary Matheson [illegible] Co. He remains on the Jardine [illegible]ard.

Mr Brian McElroy has resigned [illegible] managing director of Westons [illegible]emists (UK) to become a senior [illegible]ecutive in the general trading [illegible]vision of Arthur Guinness Group.

Mr C. Roger Moss, deputy [illegible]nance director of British Air[illegible]ays, has joined the board of [illegible]ternational Aeradio as a non-[illegible]ecutive director.

Mr G. Howell has been appointed managing director of High Duty Alloys Forgings, succeeding Mr F. G. Haddock, who has retired. Mr D. R. Gilbert becomes managing director of High Duty Alloys Castings.

Mr P. Howard has been made a director of Brook Motors. Mr W. L. Denness becomes a director of Opperman Gears both Hawker Siddeley companies.

Mr Rob Mauchline has been appointed managing director of the Bemrose flexible packaging and bag division.

Mr Gerald Waring is named a director of Product Marketing, Europe.

Mr J. Macgougan has been appointed a member of the Manpower Services Commission.

Mr David Richardson is named as secretary of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service on the retirement of Mr D. R. F. Turner.

MARKET REPORTS

COPPER was barely steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £729.50-30.50 a metric ton; three months, £748.50-49.00. Sales, 2,100 tons. Cash cathodes, £719-20.50; three months, £738-38.50. Sales, 50 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars £731.50-32.00; three months, £751-752. Settlement, £732. Sales, 5,200 tons. Cash cathodes, £719-720; three months £738-739. Settlement, £720. Sales, 1,000 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER gained about 2p in the ring.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 260.70p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 448.4); three months, 265.30p (451.8c); six months, 272.30p (456c); one year, 287.30p (474.5c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 260.8-61.0p; three months, 265.2-5.5p. Sales, 45 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 260-60.3p; three months, 264.7-64.8p. Settlement, 260.3p. Sales, 147 lots (mainly carries).

TIN: Standard cash lost £73 and three months was £62.50 lower.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £5,970-80 a metric ton; three months £6,020-25. Sales, 525 tons. High grade, cash, £5,970-80; three months, £6,020-25. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £5,950-60; three months, £5,995-6,000. Settlement, £5,960. Sales, 920 tons. High grade, cash, £5,950-60; three months, £5,995-6,000. Settlement, £5,960. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM1,560 a picul.

LEAD was barely steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £324.50-25.50 a metric ton; three months, £328.50-29.00. Sales, 1,575 tons. Morning.—Cash, £328.50-29.50; three months, £331.50-32.00. Settlement, £329.50. Sales, 5,175 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £318-319 a metric ton; three months, £326.50-27.00. Sales, 1,125 tons. Morning.—Cash, £318-319; three months, £327-27.50. Settlement, £319. Sales, 1,150 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £85.30 ($146.75) a troy ounce.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	8½%
Consolidated Crdts	8½%
First London Secs	8½%
C. Hoare & Co. ..	*8½%
Lloyds Bank	8½%
Midland Bank	8½%
Nat Westminster ..	8½%
Rossminster Accs	8½%
Shenley Trust	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	8½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 4%, up to £25,000, 5%, over £25,000, 5½%.

TANGANYIKA CONCESSIONS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the seventy-fifth Annual General Meeting of Tanganyika Concessions Limited will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Bahamas International Trust Building, Bank Lane, Nassau, Bahamas, on Monday, 12th September, 1977, at 11.30 a.m., for the purposes following, viz:—

ORDINARY BUSINESS

To receive and consider Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1976, and Balance Sheet at that date, and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.

To re-elect as Directors:—
(i) The Earl of Limerick.
(ii) G. S. Assignon.
(iii) R. F. Medlicott.
(iv) Dr. L. Supico Pinto.

To re-appoint the Auditors.

To fix the remuneration of the Auditors.

To transact the other ordinary business of the Company.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following Resolution which will be proposed as a Special Resolution, namely:—

"That Articles 81 and 82 of the Articles of Association of the Company be deleted and replaced by the following new Articles:—

81. Each of the Directors shall be entitled to remuneration at the rate of £3,000 per annum and the Chairman additional remuneration at the rate of £500 per annum, or at such higher rates in either case as the Company by Ordinary Resolution may from time to time determine. The Company by Ordinary Resolution may also vote extra remuneration to the Directors, which shall (unless otherwise determined by the resolution by which it is voted) be divided between the Directors as they shall agree, or failing agreement, equally.

82. The Directors' remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day and shall be payable by quarterly instalments and in such currency as the Directors may from time to time determine."

By Order of the Board.
BAHAMAS INTERNATIONAL TRUST COMPANY LIMITED.
Secretaries.

Nassau, Bahamas, 12th July, 1977.

A Member of the Company who is entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a Member of the Company.

Holders of Stock Warrants to Bearer desirous of attending or being represented at the Meeting may obtain from the Registered Office of the Company form of certificate to be signed by an Authorised Depositary stating that the Stock Warrants are deposited with them and the form when signed must be lodged at the Company's Registered Office on or before Monday, 5th September, 1977.

Forms of Proxy must be received at the Company's Head Office not later than 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 10th September, 1977.

The Company has, however, arranged for its United Kingdom Registrars to accept proxies at The Lawn, Speen, Newbury, Berkshire, provided they are lodged with the Registrars not later than 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 5th September, 1977.

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1976/77 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
38	27	Airsprung Ord	38	+1	4.2	11.2	7.1
133	100	Airsprung 18½% CULS	134	—	18.4	13.8	—
35	25	Armitage & Rhodes	34	—	3.0	8.8	—
143	95	Deborah Ord	140	—	8.2	5.9	7.0
149	104	Deborah 17½% CULS	149	—	17.5	11.8	—
134	120	Frederick Parker	134	—	11.5	8.6	6.5
88	45	Henry Sykes	88	—	2.4	2.7	8.5
42	34	Jackson Group	42	—	5.0	11.9	4.9
83	55	James Burrough	84	—	6.0	7.1	7.7
286	188	Robert Jenkins	278	+1	25.0	8.9	6.3
24	8	Twinlock Ord	9	—	—	—	—
67	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	63	—	12.0	19.0	—
64	51	Unilock Holdings	64	—	6.1	9.6	8.1
77	65	Walter Alexander	76	—	5.8	7.6	8.5

BRADWALL (F.M.S.) RUBBER ESTATE LIMITED

T. B. Barlow's Review

The sixty seventh annual general meeting of the Company was held in London on 12th July 1977. The Chairman, T.B. Barlow, said—

There was a record profit in 1976 of £461,000, after charging replanting. Taxation requires £270,000. The dividend of 5p net per 10p share will cost £171,000 and is no longer subject to restriction by the U.K. Treasury. The retained profit for the year is £20,000.

Capitalisation Issue

The capitalisation issue of 3 new 10p shares for every 10p share held on 20th June 1977 which is to be approved after the annual general meeting, will enable the Company's shares to qualify as a trustee investment and is a suitable way to celebrate Jubilee Year.

The issued capital will be £1,371,115.

The report and accounts and the capitalisation issue were unanimously adopted.

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Commodities

RUBBER was steadier (pence per kilo).—Aug, 48-48.40; Sept, 48.65-49.00; Oct-Dec, 49.70-49.75; Jan-March, 51.70-51.75; April-June, 53.70-53.75; July-Sept, 56-56.10; Oct-Dec, 58.25-58.35; Jan-March, 60.50-60.55; April-June, 62.80-62.85. Sales, 19 lots at 5 tonnes; 197 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quietly steady.—Spot, 48-49.50. Cifs, Aug, 48.60-48.75; Sept, 49-49.50.

COFFEE was easier and irregular.—July, £2,380-2,400 per metric ton; Sept, £2,315-20; Nov, £2,150-60; Jan, £2,065-70; March, £2,030-40; May, £2,010-20; July, £2,000-2,020. Sales: 4,087 lots including 31 options.

PALM OIL was quiet.—Aug, £290-307 per metric ton; Oct, £285-99; Dec, £270-79; Feb, £265-76; April, June and Aug, £264-75.

COCOA continued to advance, spot July putting on £129.50 while Sept gained £124.50.—July, £3,305-09 per metric ton; Sept, £2,968-70; Dec, £2,685-88; March, £2,535-41; May, £2,415-18; July, £2,375-80; Sept, £2,320-30. Sales, 5,463 lots including 11 options. ICCO prices: daily, 194.73c; 15-day average, 188.72c; 22-day average, 190.50c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were easier. The London daily price of "raws" was £3 lower at £101; the "whites" price was £2 lower at £114.—Aug, £100.50-100.75 per metric ton; Oct, £108-08.10; Dec, £113.80-14.00; March, £119.50-19.75; May, £123-23.25; Aug, £127-27.50; Oct, £130.75-31.00. Sales: 9,043 lots. ISA prices: 7.10c; 17-day average 7.59c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was easier.—Aug, £111-12 per metric ton; Oct, £112.80-13.00; Dec, £112.70-13.00; Feb, £113.70-15.00; April, £116-18; June, £117-22; Aug, £119-25. Sales, 294 lots.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—July, 227-34; Oct, 232-37; Dec, 233-39; March, 235-40; May, 236-47; July, 238-49; Oct, 240-50; Dec, 240-50. Sales, nil.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Sept-Oct, $417 per long ton. "D" grade, Sept-Oct, $400. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, spot, Rs525 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs530.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13 per cent: July £80.75; Sept, Oct, Nov, £80.75 Tilbury. United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Sept, Oct and Nov, £73 Tilbury. EEC feed: Aug, £87.25; Sept, £87.75; Oct, 89; Nov, 90.25; Dec, 91.25 east coast. Aug, £87.50; Sept, £88 west coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: July and Aug, £86 east coast. South African yellow: Aug, £71 Glasgow.

BARLEY.—EEC feed/Canadian No 2 option: July, £77; Aug, £78.50; Sept, 79.85 east coast. July, £77.25; Aug, 79; Sept, £80.10 west coast. All per tone cif United Kingdom unless stated. London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin. BARLEY was easy: Sep, £74.20; Nov, £77.20; Jan, £80.20; March, £82.60; May, £85.05. Sales: 210 lots. WHEAT was easy: Sept, £81.30; Nov, £83.70; Jan, £86.40; March, £88.75; May, £91.10. Sales: 130 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot price.—Feed BARLEY: Berks & Oxon, £82.

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 12.—GB: Cattle 61.48p per kglw (–0.46). GB: Sheep 116.6p per kgestdcw (–3.1). GB: Pigs 50.2p per kglw (–1.9). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 4.9 per cent, average price 60.93p (–0.08). Sheep numbers up 22.9 per cent, average price 117.1p (–3.8). Pig numbers up 8.9 per cent, average price 50.1p (–1.9). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 9.7 per cent, average price 62.70p (–1.01). Sheep numbers up 5.7 per cent, average price 109.4p (+3.3). Pig numbers down 5.0 per cent, average price 52.0p (–0.9).

EGGS (The London Egg Exchange).—In home-produced large eggs are the firmest part of the trade, which elsewhere is losing some of its impetus. In imported no returns have been reported.

Home-produced market prices (in £, based on trading packer/first-hand):

	Wed/Thur/Fri	Mon/Tues
White		
Large	4.10 to 4.50	4.20 to 4.50
Standard	3.60 to 3.90	3.60 to 3.90
Medium	3.10 to 3.35	3.00 to 3.40
Small	2.50 to 2.70	2.40 to 2.70
Brown		
Large	4.40 to 4.60	4.40 to 4.70
Standard	3.70 to 3.90	3.70 to 4.00

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

TEA.—Plainer varieties of teas were decidedly weak at the weekly auction and the market was generally much more selective than of late, the Teabrokers' Association said. A greater weight of plainer sorts on the London market has brought an easing in prices, but top quality teas remain strong. The average price on the London market came down to around 185p per kilo at the auction from 192p last weekend and a high of 269p in March. Assams sold readily near to valuations apart from brokens which again lost ground. Brighter Africans met fair competition but shed fully 15p per kilo. Plainer sorts were 20p to 25p per kilo down with substantial withdrawals while broken grades were neglected throughout. A few best select liquoring teas from Sri Lanka held firm but other descriptions declined an average 10p to 20p per kilo amid less demand. South Indian teas met fair demand but prices were irregularly lower from 10p to 15p per kilo. The top price was 356p per kilo for Sri Lanka bons-

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid Price	Offer Price
US $ STRAIGHTS		
Australia 8¼ 1985	103¾	104¼
Avco 9¼ 1983	105	105½
Bell Canada 8 1987	105	105⅝
British Gas 9 1981	103	103⅛
CECA 7¾ 1981	101¼	102
CNA 8½ 1986	99¾	100½
Cons Food 7½ 1991	97½	98¼
Denmark 8½ 1984	102½	103¼
Dow Chemical 8 1986	103½	104
DSM 8¼ 1988	102	102¾
Elf Aquitane 8¼ 1986	98⅞	99⅜
EMI 9¼ 1989	102	102½
EIB 8 1984	100½	101
EEC 7½ 1979	101	101¼
EEC 8¼ 1982	101⅜	101⅞
Escom 10¼ 1983	100	101¼
Esso 8 1986 (March)	104¾	105¼
Gulf & Western 8¼ 1984	102½	103¼
Hammersley 8½ 1984	100½	101
ICI 8¼ 1987	99⅞	100⅜
Macmillan Bloedel 9 1992	100¾	101½
Manchester 8¼ 1981	99¾	100½
Midland Int Fin 8¾ 1986	101½	102
NCB 8¼ 1981	101¾	102¼
Nat West 9 1986	103¼	104
New Zealand 8½ 1983	104¼	105
New Zealand 8¾ 1986	102	102½
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	99¾	100¼
Norpipe 8¾ 1989	101¼	101¾
Occidental 8¾ 1987	102	102½
Occidental 9¾ 1981	104	104½
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	100½	101¼
Ontario Hydro 8 1987	100	100½
Quebec Province 9 1985	103	103½
Quebec Hydro 8½ 1986	100¾	101¼
Saab 8½ 1989	98¼	98¾
Sandvik 9¼ 1986	103¾	104
SKF 8 1987	98	98½
S of Scotland 8¾ 1981	101	101½
Statsforetag 7¾ 1982	99¼	100
Tauernautobahn 8¼ 1987	100½	101
Venezuela 8 1984	98¼	99
Volvo 8 1987 (March)	99	99¾
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Credit Lyonnais 6 1983	97⅞	98¾
Escom 8¼ 1982	95	95½
Genossen Zentral 6 1983	98¼	98¾
Indust. Bank Japan 6 1982	98¼	98⅞
UBAF 6¾ 1982	98¼	98¾
Williams & Glyns 6½ 1984	99¾	100¼
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Bank of Montreal 9 1982	101¼	101⅞
Canadian Pacific 9¾ 1985	102¾	103¼
CECA 9 1984	100¼	101
Gen. Motors Acc. 9¾ 1988	102¾	103½
Royal Bank Canada 9 1992	99¾	100½
Taxasgulf 10 1986	104⅞	105½
DEUTSCHMARK		
CFP 8½ 1985	107¾	108¼
Denmark 9¼ 1989	108	109
ICI 8¼ 1982	106	107
Sumitomo Metal 8½ 1983	105½	106½
Sun Int Fin 7½ 1988	104½	105½
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¼ 1987	88	90
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	98	100
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	109½	111½
Borden 6¾ 1991	120¼	122½
Carnation 4 1988	88½	90½
Chevron 5 1988	131½	133½
Credit Suisse 4¾ 1991	85	87
Cummins 6¾ 1986	108	110
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	94	96
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	89½	91½
Fed Dept Stores 4½ 1985	98	100
Ford 5 1988	88	90
Ford 6 1986	98½	100½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	93	95
Gillette 4¾ 1987	80	82
Gould 5 1987	121	123
Gulf & Western 5 1988	86	88
Harris 5 1992	121	123
Honeywell 6 1986	91	93
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	102¾	103¼
ITT 4¼ 1987	86½	88½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	169	171
J. P. Morgan 4½ 1987	103½	105½
Nabisco 5½ 1988	104	106
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	121	123
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	80	82
Raymond O/S 8½ 1983	83½	85½
Revlon 4¾ 1987	107	109
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	95	97
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	87	89
Squibb 4¼ 1987	82½	84½
Texaco 4¾ 1988	82½	84½
UBS 5 1981	103	105
Union Carbide 4¾ 1983	102½	104½
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	85½	87½
Xerox Corp 5 1988	80	83

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Bournemouth Wtr 8% RP 1982 (£98)	£10
BP RLA's (845p)	375
City Hotels 20p (80p)	78+1
Corp Ldn 13¼% 1983 (£98½d)	£33⅝
E. Surrey Wtr 8% Rd Pf (†a)	£10
Exchequer 9¾% 1982 (£97)	£94⅞+¼
Folkestone Wtr 12% Db (£100)	£97¼
London Weekend TV A	86
Mid Sn Wtr 8% Pf (†)	£98½
Newcastle Wtr 13% Rd Db (†c)	£25½
Sothebys (150)	167½+1
Sutton Wtr 8½% Rd Pf (†)	£103½
Treasury 11¾% 1991 (£94c)	£26⅝+¼
Variable Rate Treas 1981	£98⅝+⅛
Variable Rate Treas 1982	£98½
Wrexham Wtr 8½% Rd Pf (†)	£103½

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Baird (Wm) (108‡)	Aug 26	18 prem+2
B.S.G. (22‡)	Aug 11	4½ prem+¼
Duple (5‡)	Aug 19	1½ prem
Fluidrive (48‡)	Aug 12	8 prem
Gibbons (25‡)	July 5	105f
Gillett Bros (158‡)	Aug 8	23 prem
Kode Int (70‡)	Aug 17	18 prem
Laporte (92‡)	Sep 2	11 prem+1
Mckechnie Bros (88p‡)	Aug 26	9 prem+3
MY Dart (38‡)	Aug 26	6 prem+½
Scapa (72‡)		9 prem
Toser Kemsley (35‡)	Aug 10	43f

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £40 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £3 paid.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling held quietly firm throughout the session yesterday trading within narrow limits and closing unchanged at $1.7200. The effective exchange rate index, after taking into account the peseta devaluation, moved up to 61.0 compared with 60.7 overnight.

Dealers said moderate demand persisted for sterling with sentiment helped by Monday's encouraging wholesale index figures. Although not believed to have been involved in any large operations, the Bank of England took in further reserves.

The dollar meanwhile, was able to recoup some recent lost ground as profit taking took place. Deutschmarks eased to 2.2885 from 2.2815 while Swiss francs 2.4180 (2.4075), and Dutch guilders 2.4515 (2.4425) both weakened against the dollar. The yen dropped to 264.30 from 263.10 previously.

Gold gained $0.50 an ounce to close in London at $141.875.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) July 12	Market rates (close) July 12
New York	$1.7195-7205	$1.7198-7202
Montreal	$1.8190-8220	$1.8190-8209
Amsterdam	4.20-23fl	4.21¾-22¾fl
Brussels	61.10-35f	61.25-35f
Copenhagen	19.23½-32k	10.30½-31½k
Frankfurt	3.92½-95m	3.93¾-94¾m
Lisbon	65.75-66.50e	66.25-45e
Madrid	149.50-150.50p	149.60-80p
Milan	1517-20lr	1518-19lr
Oslo	9.07-09½k	9.08-09k
Paris	8.36-38f	8.36½-37½f
Stockholm	7.50-53k	7.51½-52½k
Tokyo	450-60y	454-56y
Vienna	27.85-28.05sch	27.90-28.00sch
Zurich	4.13½-17f	4.15¾-16¾f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971 was up 0.3 at 61.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.57-.47c prem	1.78-1.68c prem
Montreal	.35-.25c prem	1.30-1.20c prem
Amsterdam	2¼-1¼c prem	7-6c prem
Brussels	15c prem-par	45-30c prem
Copenhagen	7½-9½ore disc	16½-18½ore disc
Frankfurt	2⅝-1⅝pf prem	6¾-5¾pf prem
Lisbon	30-130c disc	140-440c disc
Madrid	Unquoted	Unquoted
Milan	6-12lr disc	19-26lr disc
Oslo	3-5ore disc	3½-5½ore disc
Paris	½-1½c disc	½-1½c disc
Stockholm	7½-9½ore disc	19½-20½ore disc
Vienna	6gro prem-2gro disc	15-5gro prem
Zurich	2½-1½c prem	7¼-6¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9453-56.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¼-5½; seven days, 5⅜-5⅝; one month, 5½-5⅝; three months, 5⅞-6; six months, 6-6¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $142 (an ounce); pm, $141.90.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $146¾-148¼ (£85-86); resident, $146¾-149¼ (£85-86½).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $46¼-49¼ (£27¼-28¼); resident, $46¾-49¾ (£27¼-29¼).

Discount market

Credit was again short in a quiet discount market yesterday and the Bank of England bridged the gap by lending a small sum to one or two houses overnight at MLR (8 per cent) and by purchasing a moderate amount of Treasury bills directly from the houses. The overall total for this assistance stayed within the "large" designation. Money was tight and expensive all day.

From 7½-7 per cent which ruled throughout the morning, rates firmed in the afternoon to around 7½ per cent then moved up to close within a band of 8 per cent to 7½ per cent.

Adverse factors affecting the credit flow were run-down balances brought over from Monday by the banks, a slight net Treasury bill take-up, a modest continuing outflow of notes, and settlement for a *few* gilts sold by the Government Broker the previous day.

The only plus item of any consequence was a modest figure for excess of Exchequer disbursements over Revenue receipts. At the end of the day it looked as though the help from the authorities was probably not enough.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 8%
(Last changed 13/5/77)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 8½%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 7½ Low 7
Week Fixed: 7¼-7½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	7⅝	2 months	7½
3 months	7⅝	3 months	7½

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	7½-7⅜	3 months	8⅛
3 months	7⅝-7½	4 months	8¼
4 months	7⅞-7¾	6 months	8⅜
6 months	8⅛-8		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	8¼-8	7 months	8¾-8½
2 months	8¼-8	8 months	8¾-8½
3 months	8¼-8	9 months	10-9½
4 months	8½-8¼	10 months	10-9½
5 months	8½-8¼	11 months	10-9½
6 months	8½-8¼	12 months	10¼-9¾

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	7⅝-7½	6 months	8⅞-8⅝
3 months	7¾-7⅝	12 months	10-9½

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	6¾	3 months	7¾
7 days	7	6 months	8½
1 month	7½	1 year	9¾

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 7 Close 7½

1 week	7¼-7⅛	6 months	8¾-8½
1 month	7⅜-7¼	9 months	9¾-9½
3 months	8-7⅞	12 months	10¼-9⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)

3 months 8½ — 6 months 9¼

Finance House Base Rate 9%

Wall Street

New York, July 12.—Prices closed moderately lower at the close, as they had been since early in the session.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 2.12 points at 903.41.

Declining issues had a moderate advantage over gainers by about 745 to 665.

Volume totalled 22.47 million shars compared with 19.79 million on Monday.

Brokers said that man yinvestors continued to be preoccupied with the Dow Jones industrial average's pullback towards 900. They say a breakthrough below this area would probably bring on more selling.—AP-Dow Jones.

Gold gains up to $2.40

New York, July 12.—GOLD futures closed up to $2.40 higher in active trading. NY COMEX.—July, $143.10; Aug, $143.60; Sept, $144.10; Oct, $144.70; Dec, $145.90; Feb, $147.10; April, $148.50; June, $150.00; Aug, $151.60; Oct, $153.20. CHICAGO IMM.—Sept, $144.30; Dec, $146.00-146.10; March, $148.00; June, $150.10 bid; Sept, $152.20 bid; Dec, $153.40 bid.

SILVER closed steady with slight gains. July, 446.50c; Aug, 447.50c; Sept, 450.00c; Dec, 457.90c; Jan, 460.50c; March, 465.70c; May, 471.00c; July, 476.30c; Sept, 481.60c. Handy and Harman, 446.00c (previous 439.00c). Handy and Harman of Canada, $4.714 ($4.654).

COPPER closed weak on estimated sales of 2,742. July, 56.00c; Aug, 56.50c; Sept, 56.70c; Dec, 58.00c; Jan, 58.50c; March, 59.50c; May, 60.40c; July, 61.30c.

SUGAR futures finished from 0.45 to 0.16 cent lower.—Sept, 7.11-12c; Oct, 7.40-41c; Jan, 7.80-90c; March, 8.11-12c; May, 8.30-35c; July, 8.50c; Sept, 8.68-71c; Oct, 8.83-84c. Spot: 6.85c; off 0.20c.

COCOA closed strong on estimated sales of 628.—July, 230.50c; Sept, 209.25c; Dec, 191.00c; March, 181.80c; May, 175.90c; July, 170.35c; Sept, 164.75c; Dec, 156.15c. Spot: Bahia, 2.35c nominal.

COFFEE futures moved irregularly with final prices ranging from 5.57 cents down to the 6-cent limit up. July, 280.00c; Sept, 232.52-33.20c; Dec, 197.50c; March, 185.50-86.50c; May, 181.00c; July, 179.00-79.25c; Sept, 176.00-78.00c; Dec, 165.00-70.00c.

COTTON futures drifted 0.75 to 0.20 cent net lower. Oct, 60.30-55c; Dec, 58.70-95c; March, 59.45-65c; May, 60.15c; July, 60.70c; Oct, 60.60-90c; Dec, 60.10-20c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Late-session selling drove soyabean futures lower as final losses ranged from 20½ to 11 cents a bushel. SOYABEANS: July, 580-77c; Aug, 583-78c; Sept, 567-66c; Nov, 559-66c; Jan, 574-72c; March, 580c; May, 585-84c; July, 588-90c. SOYABEAN OIL: July, 21.60-55c; Aug, 21.50-60c; Sept, 21.55c; Oct, 21.10-05c; Dec, 20.80-75c; Jan, 20.90c; March, 21.00-20.90c; May, 21.00c; July, 21.00-05c. SOYABEAN MEAL: July, $155.00; Aug, $154.00; Sept, $154.50-5.00; Oct, $152.00-3.00; Dec, $154.00-4.50; Jan, $156.00; March, $160.00-159.50; May, $162.00; July, $164.00.

CHICAGO GRAIN: Wheat futures finished three to one cent a bushel lower in a quiet session. WHEAT: July, 227¾c; Sept, 235½-33c; Dec, 244½-45½c; March, 253c; May, 258½-57¼c; July, 262¼c. MAIZE: July, 210-10¼c; Sept, 211-11¼c; Dec, 220¼-21c; March, 229-29¼c; May, 234¼c; July, 237½-38c. OATS: July, 111¼c; Sept, 116¼c; Dec, 122¼c; March, 128c; May, 129¼c.

	July 12	July 11		July 12	July 11		July 12	July 11
Allied Chem	49⅜	49⅞	Ford	44⅞	45⅛	Reynolds Metal	37½	
Allied Stores	22⅞	22½	GAF Corp	10⅞	10⅞	Rockwell Int	32⅛	
Allied Supermkt	3⅞	3⅞	Gamble Skogmo	32⅛	33⅞	Royal Dutch	58⅛	
Allis Chalmers	30	29¾	Gen Dynamics	59⅞	60⅞	Safeways	47⅞	
Alcoa	51⅛	52½	Gen Electric	54⅞	55	St Regis Paper	31⅛	
Amax Inc	41⅛	41⅜	Gen Foods	33½	33⅞	Santa Fe Ind	42⅞	
Amerada Hess	30	29⅝	Gen Mills	29⅛	29⅛	SCM	23⅞	
Am Airlines	10⅝	10½	Gen Motors	68	68	Schlumberger	69⅛	
Am Brands	47	46½	Gen Pub Util NY	21	20⅝	Scott Paper	17⅞	
Am Broadcast	44½	43⅞	Gen Tel Elec	32⅞	32⅞	Seaboard Coast	37⅞	
Am Can	41⅛	41⅛	Gen Tire	27⅞	27½	Seagram	21⅛	
Am Cyanamid	26⅜	26⅛	Genesco	4⅞	4⅞	Sears Roebuck	56⅛	
Am Elec Power	24⅞	24⅝	Georgia Pacific	29	29½	Shell Oil	36½	
Am Home	28⅝	28⅜	Getty Oil	201½	204½	Shell Trans	39½	
Am Motors	4	4	Gillette	28⅞	29⅞	Signal Co	31⅞	
Am Nat Res	46⅞	46½	Goodrich	25⅞	25	Singer	24⅛	
Am Standard	34⅝	34⅝	Goodyear	20⅛	20⅞	Sony	8⅝	9
Am Telephone	62½	62⅞	Gould Inc	30½	30⅝	Sth Cal Edison	25	
AMP Inc	19⅝	19⅞	Grace	29	29⅞	Southern Pacific	37⅞	
Armco Steel	28⅜	28⅞	Gt Atlte & Pacific	11⅛	10⅞	Southern Rly	57⅛	
Asarco	19½	19⅝	Greyhound	14½	14⅞	Sperry Rand	35	
Ashland Oil	35	34⅞	Grumman Corp	21⅛	21½	Squibb	24⅞	
Atlantic Richfield	57⅛	58⅛	Gulf Oil	28⅞	28	Std Brands	25⅞	
Avco	17⅞	17	Gulf & West	13⅞	13⅛	Std Oil California	43⅞	
Avon Products	49⅛	49⅞	Heinz H. J.	33⅛	33⅛	Std Oil Indiana	54⅞	
Babcock & Wcox	42⅞	43⅛	Hercules	17⅞	18⅛	Std Oil Ohio	83⅞	
Bankers Tst NY	40⅛	40	Honeywell	54⅛	53⅞	Sterling Drug	14⅞	
Bank of America	23⅞	23⅛	IC Inds	28⅛	28⅛	Stevens J. P.	18⅞	
Bank of NY	34⅞	34⅝	Ingersoll	64⅞	65⅛	Stude Worth	47½	
Beatrice Foods	24½	24⅝	Inland Steel	38⅞	39⅞	Sunbeam Corp	24½	
Bell & Howell	21⅞	21½	IBM	260½	259⅞	Sun Comp	46⅞	
Bendix	40⅝	40⅛	Int Harvester	33⅞	33⅛	Sundstrand	42	
Bethlehem Steel	30⅛	30½	INCO	20	20⅞	Teledyne	70	
Boeing	36⅝	37	Int Paper	48	48⅞	Tenneco	34⅛	
Boise-Cascade	27⅛	27⅛	Int Tel Tel	35	35½	Texaco	28⅞	
Borden	35	34⅞	Jewel Co	23⅞	23⅞	Texas East Trans	46	
Borg Warner	27⅞	27½	Jim Walter	33½	33⅞	Texas Inst	89⅛	
Bristol Myers	31⅞	31⅞	Johns-Manville	30½	30⅞	Texas Utilities	21⅞	
BP	18	18⅛	Johnson & John	68½	68⅛	Textron	28	
Budd	19⅛	19⅞	Kaiser Alumin	36½	36½	TWA	9½	9
Burlington Ind	22⅞	23⅛	Kennecott	28⅛	28½	Travelers Corp	34	
Burlington Nthn	49⅞	49⅝	Kerr McGee	67⅞	69⅞	TRW Inc	38⅛	
Burroughs	62	62⅛	Kimberly Clark	46	45⅞	UAL Inc	18⅞	
Campbell Soup	37⅞	36⅝	Kraftco Corp	49⅞	49⅞	Unilever Ltd	33⅞	
Canadian Pacific	17⅛	17½	K Mart	28½	27	Unilever NV	50⅞	
Caterpillar	54⅞	55⅛	Kroger	28⅛	27½	Union Bancorp	12⅛	
Celanese	46⅞	47⅛	Ligget Group	32⅞	32⅞	Union Carbide	48	
Central Soya	12⅞	13⅛	L.T.V. Corp	9⅞	9⅞	Union Oil Calif	56⅞	
Charter NY	30⅛	30½	Litton	14½	14½	Un Pacific Corp	54⅞	
Chase Manhat	33⅞	33⅞	Lockheed	16	15⅞	Uniroyal	10⅞	
Chem Bank NY	47	46⅞	Lucky Stores	15⅛	15⅞	United Brands	8⅞	
Chesapeake Ohio	30	30½	Manuf Hanover	37⅞	37½	Utd Merch & Man	4⅞	
Chrysler	16½	16⅛	Mapco	45⅛	45⅛	US Industries	7⅞	
Citicorp	27⅞	27⅞	Marathon Oil	53	52⅞	US Steel	38⅞	
Cities Service	60⅞	61⅞	Marine Midland	13⅞	13⅛	Utd Technol	40⅞	
Clark Equip	38⅛	37	Martin Marietta	27⅛	27⅛	Wachovia	16⅞	
Coca Cola	38	37⅞	McDonnell	25⅞	25⅛	Warner Comm.	29⅛	
Colgate	24⅞	24½	Mead	20⅞	20⅞	Warner Lambert	25⅞	
CBS	60⅝	58½	Merck	54½	55	Wells Fargo	28⅞	
Columbia Gas	30⅞	30⅝	Minnesota Mng	48⅞	48⅞	West'n Bancorp	29⅞	
Combustion Eng	60½	61⅛	Mobil Oil	68⅛	68⅛	Westnghse Elec	21⅞	
Comwlth Edison	31½	31⅞	Monsanto	65⅞	66	Weyerhauser	31⅛	
Cons Edison	24⅛	24⅞	Morgan J. P.	50⅞	50⅛	Whirlpool	24	
Cons Foods	26	26	Motorola	39⅞	40⅛	White Motor	7½	
Cons Power	25⅞	25⅛	NCR Corp	36⅞	36⅞	Woolworth	22⅞	
Continental Grp	36½	36⅞	NL Industries	21½	21⅞	Xerox Corp	49	
Continental Oil	33⅞	34⅛	Nabisco	55⅞	55⅛	Zenith	21⅞	
Control Data	21	21½	Nat Distillers	24	24½			
Corning Glass	64½	66⅛	Nat Steel	37⅛	37⅞			
CPC Intnl	51⅞	52½	Norfolk West	30½	30⅞			
Crane	33⅞	33½	NW Bancorp	24½	24⅞			
Crocker Int	26⅛	25⅞	Norton Simon	18	18	**Canadian Prices**		
Crown Zeller	35	36	Occidental Pet	28⅛	28⅛			
Dart Ind	37⅞	38	Ogden	28⅞	26⅞	Abitibi	9⅞	
Deere	27⅞	27½	Olin Corp	41⅞	41⅞	Alcan Alumin	28⅜	
Del Monte	28⅛	28 •	Owens-Illinois	27⅛	28	Algoma Steel	16⅞	
Delta Air	35	35	Pacific Gas Elec	24⅞	24⅞	Bell Telephone	54⅛	
Detroit Edison	17⅛	17½	Pan Am	5⅞	5½	Cominco	32⅞	
Disney	35⅞	35⅞	Penney J. C.	33⅛	33⅞	Cons Bathurst	23⅞	
Dow Chemical	31½	31⅛	Pennzoil	33⅞	34	Falconbridge	17	
Dresser Ind	45	45⅞	Pepsico	23⅞	23½	Gulf Oil	27⅞	
Duke Power	22⅝	22½	Pet Inc	31⅛	32	Hawker Sid Can	8.12	
Du Pont	113⅞	113½	Pfizer	27⅛	27½	Hudson Bay Mng	16⅞	
Eastern Air	7⅛	7⅛	Phelps Dodge	29⅞	29⅞	Hudson Bay Oil	38⅝	
Eastman Kodak	57½	58⅞	Philip Morris	55⅞	55½	Imasco	29⅞	
Eaton Corp	44½	46⅞	Phillips Petrol	31⅛	31½	Imperial Oil	20⅞	
El Paso Nat Gas	19	19	Polaroid	29⅛	29⅞	Int Pipe	15⅞	
Equitable Life	25⅛	25⅞ •	PPG Ind	54½	55⅛	Mass-Ferguson	20⅞	
Esmark	32	31⅞	Proctor Gamble	80⅝	80⅛	Royal Trust	16⅞	
Evans P. D.	14⅛	14⅛	Pub Ser El & Gas	25⅞	25⅞	Seagram	30⅞	
Exxon Corp	52⅛	52⅞	Pullman	32	32⅛	Steel Co	27⅛	
Fed Dept Stores	36½	36⅞	Rapid American	7⅞	7⅛	Talcorp	7⅞	
Firestone	19⅛	19⅛	Raytheon	30	30	Thomson N 'A'	13½	
Fst Chicago	19⅞	19⅞	RCA Corp	30½	31	Walker Hiram	36⅞	
Fst Nat Boston	27⅛	27⅞	Republic Steel	27½	27½	WCT	32⅞	
Fst Penn Corp	18	17⅞	Reynolds Ind	66⅞	66⅞			

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stoc Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.7201 (1.7201); three months, 1.7051 (1.7124); Canadian dollar, 94.51 (94.41).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was off 4.49 at 373.89. The futures index was up 1.05 at 347.69.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 903.41 (906.53); transpo tation 236.41 (237.05); utilities 117.43 (116.55); 65 stocks, 310.4 (310.61).

New York Stock Exchange index 54.60 (54.63); industrials 58.5 (58.60); transportation, 43.4 (43.44); utilities, 42.39 (42.26); financial, 56.67 (56.76).

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

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Offshore and International Funds

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Stock Exchange Prices

Stock shortages

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, July 11. Dealings End, July 22. § Contango Day, July 25. Settlement Day, Aug 2

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
165	115	AAH	128	..	[illegible]	9.5	8.8
120	46	AB Electronic	211	+2	7.6	3.6	11.4
38	25	AC Cars	31	..	1.5	4.7	7.7
43	[illegible]	AGB Research	46	..	3.0	6.3	4.5
477	[illegible]	APV Hldgs	427	..	35.7	3.7	8.5
66	[illegible]	Aaronson Bros	65	+1	2.7	4.2	7.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Abrasives Int	16	..	..	..	..
84	54	Acrow	84	+4	3.4	4.1	13.2
79	39	Do A	72	+4	3.4	4.8	11.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Adda Int	[illegible]	+2	0.8	2.7	..
250	129	Adwest Group	250	+3	21.7	8.3	6.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aeronaut & Gen	49	..	3.1	6.4	20.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Airfix Ind	49	..	4.4b	9.0	6.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Airwright & W	112	+1	6.4	5.7	7.3
[illegible]	62	Akroyd Hldgs	277	..	30.0	13.6	..
[illegible]	59	Do 9% Cnv	122	..	900	10.2	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Albright Ind	[illegible]	..	30.2a	7.2	9.8
72	61	Allen E. Balfour	65	+1	6.7	10.2	..
[illegible]	26	Allen W. G.	41	..	4.3	10.7	4.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Colloids	229	-2	7.0a	3.1	15.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Insulators	56	+1	5.4	9.6	6.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Plant	[illegible]	..	1.1	5.9	4.8
90	[illegible]	Allied Polymer	33	+1	..	..	10.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Retailers	114	+4	12.0	10.5	5.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Alpine Hldgs	30	..	2.5	8.1	19.5
[illegible]	150	Amal Metal	237	..	21.4	9.2	4.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Amal Power	91	+1	8.0b	8.8	5.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Amber Day	25	..	2.8	11.0	5.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Amber Ind Hldgs	12	..	0.8	6.3	3.4
80	37	Anchor Chem	79	+2	5.7	7.2	6.9
47	[illegible]	Anderson Strath	45	+1	3.9	8.7	6.2
[illegible]	32	Andre Silentbloc	54	..	5.0	9.3	10.6
81	51	Anglo Am Asph	74	-1	3.7	5.0	7.4
670	[illegible]	Anglo Amer Ind	455	..	44.5	9.0	4.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ang Swiss Hldgs	22½	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	61	Apple ard	55½	..	6.8	11.6	5.1
[illegible]	16	Aquascutum 'A'	25	..	2.2	8.8	5.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Arlington Mtr	72½	..	10.0	13.2	10.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Armitage Shanks	50	+½	6.5	12.9	6.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Armour Trust	41	..	2.5	5.9	9.7
124	60	Ash & Lacy	114	+5	9.1	8.0	5.5
45	32	Ashley Ind TE	45½	..	6.0	13.2	..
55	[illegible]	Ass Biscuit	[illegible]	..	4.4	6.5	6.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do A	[illegible]	..	4.4	7.1	5.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ass Brit Food	58	+½	3.2	5.5	8.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ass Engineer	112½	..	7.1b	6.3	8.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ass Fisheries	46	+1	5.40	11.3	0.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ass Leisure	35½	+½	1.9	11.0	9.9
[illegible]	55	Ass News	165	..	7.9	4.8	8.7
45	21	Ass Paper	[illegible]	..	4.4	11.3	..
202	124	Ass Port Cement	189	..	13.2	7.2	5.9
92	43	Ass Tel 'A'	56	..	6.3	9.6	5.0
29	26	Ass Tooling	27	..	3.3	12.3	5.0
28	20	Astbury & Madley	24	..	1.6	6.9	4.2
43	25	Atkins Bros	47	..	5.1	11.9	5.7
26	19	Attwood Garage	24½	..	2.2	9.1	22.1
55	21	Audiotronic	29	..	5.0	17.2	7.2
39½	37	Ault & Wiborg	25	..	2.4	9.6	6.2
82½	49	Aurora Hldgs	79	..	8.0	10.1	3.8
67	29	Austin E.	55	-5	5.4	9.7	3.9
52	29	Automotive Pd	65½	..	2.8	3.1	6.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Avana Grp	27	..	7.7	4.7	11.8
174	[illegible]	Avery	160	..	8.0	5.0	9.6
157	67	Avon Rubber	145	+1	15.3	8.3	10.4
305	227	B A T Ind	280	+3	20.9b	7.0	5.3
260	195	Do Dfd	210	+2	..	..	..
59	26	BBA Grp	54	..	3.3	6.1	7.0
127	70	BICC	117	+3	10.2	8.7	13.9
57	45½	BOC Int	69½	+½	4.5	5.4	8.0
179	86	BPB Ind	171	+1	10.5	6.1	5.4
40	20	BPM Hldgs 'A'	29	+1	3.9	10.4	10.8
29½	13	BSR Int	27½	+¼	3.2	11.2	4.6
132	73½	BSR Ltd	119	+6	7.2	6.1	5.2
250	250	BTR Ltd	257	+3	14.0	6.2	7.9
107	50	Babcock & W	102	+3	3.3	3.2	4.4

C — E

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
62	39½	Crown House	61	-1	6.3	10.6	8.1
42	24	Crowther J.	40	..	0.9	2.3	..
73	9	Cutler Guard	19	..	1.5	8.1	..
147	41	Dale Elec Cv	£137	-1	775	5.7	..
100	54	Dale Electric	92	..	3.8	4.1	9.2
13	7½	Dartmouth Inv	10½	..	1.1	10.6	6.6
113	78	Davies & New	108	..	11.1	10.3	5.6
57½	30	Davis G.	53½	..	4.6	8.6	4.5
210	100	Davy Int	230	+4	15.0	6.5	12.3
66	41	Dawson J.	6?	..	6.8	10.3	11.5
[illegible]	259	De Beers Ind	410	..	43.5	10.6	8.2
36	21	Deanson Hldgs	26	..	2.9	11.2	6.4
83	47	Debenhams	74	..	8.0	10.9	5.1
520	170	De La Rue	510	..	19.8	3.9	7.5
300	102	Decca	350	..	14.7	4.6	12.9
323	100	Do A	310	..	14.7	4.7	11.9
75	37	Delta Metal	67½	+½	6.9	10.2	9.1
149	73	Denbyware	[illegible]	..	8.3	9.7	4.4
163	76	De Vere Hotels	159	+4	6.6	4.3	29.8
114	50	Dew G.	104	..	7.7	7.4	5.6
42½	21	Dewhirst I. J.	36	..	2.4	5.3	7.9
132	71	DRG	113	-1	9.7	8.5	10.7
110	45½	Diploma Inv	109	+2	5.2	4.8	9.7
106	43	Dixons Photo	100	+1	3.1	3.1	8.0
30	21	Dixor	28	..	0.8	3.0	29.9
59	32	Dobson Park	57	..	3.1	5.4	7.5
21	13	Dolan G	16	..	2.1	13.1	4.9
182	48	Dolan Pack	164	..	3.2	2.0	20.8
54	29	Dom Hldgs	54	..	6.5	12.0	0.7
114½	66	Dorman Smith	105	..	10.2	9.7	8.7
114½	67	Do A	98	+2	10.2	10.4	8.2
74	41	Douglas R. M.	71	..	5.5	7.5	5.3
25	15	Dowd & Mills	21	..	1.6	7.8	11.9
172	98	Downing G. H.	149	..	15.7	10.8	3.4
149	73½	Dowty Grp	140	+1	5.8	4.2	11.0
29½	6	Drake & Scull	18	..	..	..	..
44	23	Dreamland Elec	33	..	3.5	10.9	10.1
14½	9	Dubilier	14	..	1.4	10.3	12.8
67	11	Dufay	40	+1	3.5b	8.8	9.0
112	64½	Dunlop Hldgs	105	+2	8.2	7.8	6.3
10½	3	Duple Int	6½	..	0.9b	13.8	4.9
87½	43	Duport	75	..	6.2	8.3	5.3
76	41	Durapipe Int	71	..	5.6	7.7	4.3
39½	22½	Dutton For	38	+½	4.3	11.3	6.5
33	21½	Dykes J. Hldgs	31	..	4.8	15.4	11.3
276	175	E.M.I.	216	+1	14.0	6.5	8.4
77	22	ERF Hldgs	77	+½	5.8	7.5	..
56	35	E. Lancs Paper	43	+2	4.5	10.5	..
61	35	E Mid A Press	61	+1	4.4	7.2	4.3
70	38	Eastern Prod	65	..	..	..	3.1
90	40	Eastwood J. B.	80	+2	5.9	7.4	2.3
154	81	Ecobric	154	..	8.6	5.6	6.4
61	34	Eis Hldgs	60	+1	2.7	4.5	6.5
30	17	Elect Hldgs	22½	..	2.6	11.7	8.1
45	25	Elec & Ind Secs	13½	..	4.1	9.2	7.8
142	71	Electrocomps	162	..	6.9	3.9	8.3
25	35	Electronic Mach	21	..	..	..	..
71	..	Electronic Rent	71	..	3.7a	5.2	4.9
85	44½	Elliott B.	86	+1	7.3	8.3	8.3
43	24	Elliott Grp	39	..	3.3	8.5	9.8
131	57	Ellis & Everard	73	..	7.7	10.5	14.2
29½	13½	Ellis & Gold	15	..	2.8	17.5	8.5
56	2?	Elson & Robbins	55	..	4.5	8.1	7.0
144½	63	Empire Stores	144½	+2½	7.3	5.1	12.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Energy Serv	8½	..	0.2	2.3	6.4
29	14	England J. F.	27	..	2.0	7.3	8.3
66	29	English Card Cl	64	+5	4.0	6.1	3.5
104	59½	Eng China Clay	86	..	5.4	6.3	10.0
57	48	Erith & Co	66	..	7.4	11.2	6.7
204	93	Esperanza	193	..	7.3	3.8	12.7
64	35	Eucalyptus Pulp	53	..	10.4	19.0	1.7
80½	40	Euro Ferries	70	+½	4.3	6.2	8.8
92	31	Eva Industries	78	+2	5.6	7.4	5.4
177	87	Ever Ready	165	+2	5.9	3.5	8.6
60	36	Evode Hldgs	57	..	3.1	5.4	8.7
25	11½	Ewer G.	21	..	1.8a	8.6	7.6
11½	5	Excalibur	11½	+1	0.7	6.0	5.9
80	51	Exch Telegraph	77	+3	7.5	9.7	7.6
81½	19½	Expand Metal	67	..	5.6	8.3	7.4

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
13	3⁹⁄₁₆	Pres Steyn	45⅞	-⅛	7.5	3.4	..
198	80	Rand Mine Prop	125	-5	9.9	7.9	..
27	9½	Randfontein	£27	-1	167	6.2	..
246	133	Rio Tinto Zinc	202	+4	12.3	6.1	..
195	110	Roan Cons 'B'	110	..	..	..	..
170	68	Rustenburg	72	+4	8.0	11.1	..
97	8½	Saint Piran	57	..	2.8	4.9	..
22⅝	7½	St Helena	£9	-⅝	62.1	6.9	..
530	355	Selection Tst	435	-5	25.7	5.9	..
230	89	Sentrust	146	+3	16.9	11.3	..
66	30	Silvermines	43	+2	5.4	12.5	..
145	29	SA Land	33	..	..e	..	..
737½	231¼	Southvaal	287	+3	41	..	..
205	105	Sthn Malayan	197	..	19.2	9.7	..
66	31	Sungei Besi	62	..	..	..	..
378	73	Tang Cons	236	..	21.0	8.1	..
52	40	Tanjong Tin	48	+2	9.6	20.0	..
300	250	Tharsis Sulph	280	..	..	..	..
12¾	7	Transvaal Cons	£11¾	..	54.8b	4.7	..
137	59	Tronoh Mines	135	+2	..e	..	..
315	110	UC Invest	193	-3	20.1	10.4	..
465	105	Union Corp	245	-5	24.1	9.8	..
20⅝	7	Vaal Reefs	£11½	-⅝	77.0	6.7	..
425	50	Venterspost	130	+16	3.4	2.6	..
54	27	Wankie Colliery	29	..	7.0	24.9	..
350	118	Welkom	158	-5	6.0	..	..
35	11¼	W Driefontein	£16	-⅞	187	11.7	..
340	75	W Rand Cons	116	+2	4.0	3.5	..
320	70	Western Areas	126	-4	7.5	6.0	..
15⅛	4⁹⁄₁₆	Western Deep	£6¾	-⅞	46.9	6.9	..
26⅞	9½	Western Hldgs	£13	-1⅝	157	12.1	..
198	112	Western Mining	140	+2	3.5	2.5	..
912½	250¾	Winkelhaak	502	-6	41.6	8.2	..
45	14½	Zambia Copper	16½	..	..e	..	..

OIL

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
74	47	Ampol Pet	55	..	3.4	6.2	13.4
120	44	Attock	102	-2	6.5	6.1	19.8
54	24	Berry Wiggins	32	+1	..e	..	..
184	100	Brit Borneo	164	+6	9.3	5.0	52.1
940	550	BP	922	-2	33.5	3.6	32.9
83	26	Burmah Oil	62	+2	..	..	..
27½	15	C F Petroles	£16½	-½	141	8.7	4.0
320	158	Lasmo Ops	320	..	..	..	..
100½	29½	Do 14% Ln	£96	+½	1400	14.7	..
294	58	Oil Exploration	204	+14	2.9	1.4	43.3
21	4	Premier Cons	21	+2	..	..	..
23⅛	10½	Ranger Oil	£22⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
5	2½	Reynolds Dir	2½	..	..	..	..
50½	31¼	Royal Dutch	£46⅝	-⅛	147	3.2	5.3
560	350	Shell	557	+1	21.6	3.9	6.7
179	44	Tricentrol	178	+5	1.3	0.7	34.6
198¾	96	Ultramar	240	+2	..	..	7.5
114	72½	Do 7% Cnv	105	..	7.0	6.7	..

PROPERTY

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
76	27	Allied Ldn	67	+1	4.0	5.9	12.0
170	92	Allnatt Ldn	156	+2	5.9b	3.9	24.4
183	80	Apex Props	180	-2	4.1	2.3	31.8
20	9	Aquis Secs	13	..	0.9	7.1	16.0
84	40	Beaumont Prop	62	..	4.9	7.8	20.3
55	21	Bellway Hldgs	31	+½	4.0	13.0	9.6
150	52	Berkeley Hambro	94	-2	4.0	4.3	..
168	116	Bilton Percy	138	..	8.5	6.2	17.3
162	110	Do Accum	136	..	0.3	0.2	..
146	90	Bradford Prop	142	-6	9.4	6.6	6.0
17½	7	Brit Anzani	11½	-1	..e	..	..
47½	22½	British Land	39½	-½	..e	..	..
90	41	Brixton Estate	74½	-½	3.2b	4.3	21.4
36	7	Cap & Counties	34½	-½	0.2	0.4	..

TEA

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
98	42½	Assam Inv	95	..	5.1	5.3	..
236	63	Camellia Inv	210	..	2.8	1.3	..
47	18	Deundi	45	..	2.5	5.6	..
217	113	Jokai	217	..	12.1	5.6	..
225	112	McLeod Russel	195	-3	15.4	7.9	..
245	95	Moran	230	..	5.5	2.4	..
58	16	Surmah Valley	55	..	2.5	4.5	..
182	73	Warren Plant	164	..	20.0	12.2	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1976/77 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
11½	7¹¹⁄₁₆	Algoma Cen Rly	£9	-⅛	26.0	2.9	14.5
22½	9½	Antofagasta	£18½	..	..	..	..
57	23	Calcutta Elec	57	..	12.3	21.5	..
49½	40	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£43	..	490	11.4	..
35½	28½	Essex Wtr 5%	£33½	..	500	14.9	..
400	250	Imp Cont Gas	393	+5	13.5	3.4	16.0
35½	28½	Mid Kent Wtr	£33	..	500	15.2	..
90	38	Milford Docks	86	-2	4.1	4.8	9.4
168	121	Nigerian Elec	168	..	17.5	10.4	..
36	28½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£33	..	538	16.3	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

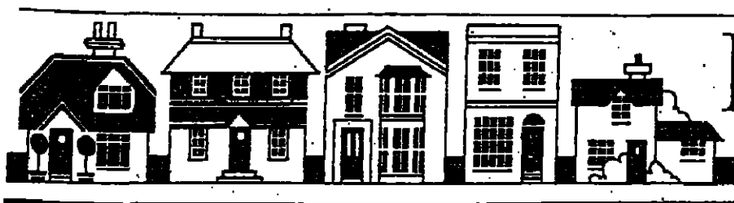
The Times Share Indices for 12.07.77 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	183.35	6.89	12.47	181.44
Largest Coys.	185.82	6.53	11.64	183.89
Smaller Coys.	175.40	7.66	15.16	173.55
Capital Goods	203.80	7.05	15.34	200.37
Consumer Goods	180.22	7.29	12.08	187.28
Store Shares	140.34	7.73	9.56	137.90
Largest financial shares	183.96	6.43	—	181.41
Largest financial and industrial shares	185.47	6.51	—	183.12
Commodity shares	215.93	4.70	10.61	212.01
Gold Mining shares	253.94	9.22	20.07	243.03
Industrial debenture stocks	59.03	6.79*	—	59.00
Industrial preference stocks	55.14	12.67*	—	55.12
3½% War Loan	28½	12.52*	—	28⅛

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	195.47 (15.08.72)	60.18 (13.12.74)
1977	190.03 (18.05.77)	151.29 (12.01.77)
1976	171.88 (05.05.76)	115.83 (27.10.76)
1975	156.92 (19.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (13.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	195.47 (15.08.72)	174.48 (10.01.72)

* Flat interest yield.



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...gional variations (BBC 1): ...C WALES.—5.10-5.35 pm, ...owcar. 5.55-6.20, Wales Today. ... Heddiw. 7.20, Pobol-Y Cwm. ...-8.30, Sportstown. Scotland.— ...am, The Wombles. 9.50, Jackanory. 10.05, Boss Cat. 10.30-..., Wildlife Safari to the Argentine. 5.55-6.20 pm, Reporting Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND.—... 2.55-4.18 pm, Racing. 3.0, ... Street Maiden Hurdle. 3.30, ...wood Handicap Hurdle. 4.00 ...r Harp Derby. 5.55-6.20, ...e Around Six.

...TV

...am, ATV. 10.15, Film: The ...rce of Lady X, with Merle ...on, Laurence Olivier. 11.50, ...es. 12.30 pm, [illegible]. 1.00, ... 1.20, West Headlines. 1.25, ...s Headlines. 1.30, Rooms. ... Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. ... ATV. 5.15, Dodo. 5.20, ...roads. 5.45, News. 6.00, ...t West. 6.15, Report Wales. ... Get Some In! 7.00, Thames. ...0-12.25 am, Rush. HTV ...RU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.20, Miri Mawr. 4.45, Un Tro. 6.00-6.15, Y ... 10.30-11.15, Bywyd ... am, Rush. HTV WEST: As ... except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West ...lines. 6.15-6.30, Report West.

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...50 am, ATV. 10.15, Film: The ...rce of Lady X, with Merle ...on, Laurence Olivier. 11.50, ...es. 1.20, Ulster News Headlines. 1.22, Cartoons. 1.30, Countdown... 2.00, Thames. 4.20, Blue ... Set. 4.45, ATV. 5.15, The ... Islands. 5.45, News. 6.00, ...r Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Frankie McBride. 6.45, ...res and People. 7.00, Thames. ...0-12.25 am, Marcus Welby.

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...am, ATV. 10.15, Film: 13 Rue Madeleine, with James Cagney, Richard Conte. 11.50, ...mes. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. ... Rooms. 2.00, Houseparty. ... Thames. 4.45, ATV. 5.15, University Challenge. 5.45, News. ... About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. ...0, Gibbsville. 12.30 am, The ...

...rkshire

...5 am, Inner Space. 10.40, Clue ... 11.05, Thunderbirds. 11.55, ... 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ...ndar News. 1.30, Thames. ... ATV. 5.15, The Great Yorkshire Show. 5.45, News. 6.00, ...ndar. 6.35, Thames. 10.30, The ...n's Silver Jubilee Visit. 11.00-...0, Seveso.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University: Beading the Bogie. 7.05, OUSA National Conference. 7.30-7.55, English Flats of the 1930s. 10.35, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 4.00 pm, Cricket, Gillette Cup. 4.55, Open University: Laws of Thermodynamics (1). 5.20 Words, Pictures and the Novel. 5.45, *Educational Decision-making.* 6.10, Crime. 6.35, Donatello and Vasari.

7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 The Selling Line, part 1: Who Sold You This Then?
7.30 News.
7.40 One More Time!
8.10 Brass Tacks.
9.00 M*A*S*H.
9.25 Trinity Tales.
10.15 A Great Need To Sing, profile of Helen Watts.
11.05 News.
11.15 Cricket: highlights.
11.45-11.50, Adam Kurakin reads Maniola Tithonus, by Patric Dickinson.

Granada

9.50 am, ATV. 10.15, Film, Escape from East Berlin.* 11.40, Nahanni. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm. This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 4.45, ATV. 5.10, This Is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, The Squirrels. 7.00, Thames. 11.30-12.35 am, Rush.

* Black and white.

Border

9.50 am, Which Craft? 10.15, Cartoons. 10.25, Film, Left, Right and Centre, with Ian Carmichael, Alastair Sim, Patricia Bredin.* 11.50, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Rooms. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 4.45, ATV. 5.15, Great Yorkshire Show. 5.45, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, ATV. 12.00, Border News.

Grampian

10.20 am, Dynomutt. 10.40, Technoflash. 11.00, The Outsiders of Europe. 11.30, Wild Country. 11.50, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 4.45, ATV. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.35, Police News. 5.45, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.10, Out of Town. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, ATV. 12.00, Reflections.

Tyne Tees

9.50 am, ATV. 10.15, Film: Nobody's Perfect, with Doug McClure, Nancy Kwan. 11.50, Thames. 1.20, North East News. 1.30, Rooms. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.45, ATV. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Face the Press. 12.00, Epilogue.

Scottish

9.50 am, ATV. 10.15, Japanese Experience (r). 11.10, The Beachcombers (r). 11.40, Sean the Leprechaun (r). 11.50, Thames. 1.25, News Headlines. 1.30, Rooms. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 4.45, ATV. 5.15, Professor Kitzel (r). 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Mary Tyler Moore. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, ATV. 12.00, Late Call.

Westward

9.50 am, ATV. 10.15, Film: Don't Raise the Bridge, Lower the River, with Jerry Lewis, Terry-Thomas. 11.50, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 4.45, ATV. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Faith for Life.

Thames

10.15 am, Cool Million (r). 11.25, Sinbad Jr. 11.45, Oscar. 12.00, Rupert Bear (r). 12.10, Rainbow (r). 12.30 pm, Tell Me Another. 1.00, News. 1.20, Betty Boop. 1.30, Rooms. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.25, Racing from Redcar. 4.20, Shang-a-Lang. 4.45, You Must be Joking. 5.15, The Flintstones (r).

5.45 News. 6.00, Miss Thames.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Don't Ask Me.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 International Pop Proms.
9.00 The Sweeney (r). 10.00 News.
10.30 This Week Special: Seveso, The Poison Cloud.
11.30 Power Without Glory.
12.25 am, Epilogue.

(r) repeat.

ATV

9.50 am, Which Craft? 10.15, Popeye. 10.20, Sesame Street. 11.20, Clapperboard. 11.45, Hammy Hamster. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 4.45, The Tomorrow People. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.30-12.00, Man and Woman.

Southern

9.30 am, Song and Story. 9.50, ATV. 10.15, Film, Trapped Beneath the Sea, with Lee J. Cobb. 11.50, Oscar. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Rooms. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 4.45, ATV. 5.15, Popeye. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, Man and Woman. 12.10 am, Weather. Archbishop of Canterbury.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Colin Berry.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Paul Burnett. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 4.30, D.L.T. 7.02, Games People Play. 7.30, Sports Desk. 7.33, Band.† 8.02, Command Performance.† 9.02, Marian Montgomery, Pete Moore and Laurie Holloway.† 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.

2

6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Ray Moore.† 1.50 pm, Sports Desk. 2.02, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.50, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.05, Sing Something Simple. 10.30, Songs of Protest. 11.02, Tim Gudgin. 12.00-12.05 am, News.

3

6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice: Svetlanov, Prokofiev, Mussorgsky.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice, part 2: Gounod, Beethoven.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Lassus.† 9.45, Organ Festival at St Alban's.† 10.30, Soprano, Violin and Piano: Schubert, Bloch, Seiber, Mozart.† 11.25, Budapest Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Stravinsky, Strauss.† 12.05, In Short. 12.15, Concert, part 2: Beethoven.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Haydn, Schubert, Ravel. 2.05, Music from the Upper Volta. 2.35, Songs and Chamber Music, part 1: Purcell, Bennett, Parry, Hatton, Elgar.† 3.15, Words. 3.20, Concert, part 2: Bliss, Bennett, McCabe.† 4.20, May Ladye Nevells Booke.† 5.00, Choral Evensong from Guildford Cathedral. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Introduction to Arabic. 7.00, Der arme Millionar. 7.30, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Tchaikovsky, Vaughan Williams.† 8.45, The Arts Worldwide. 9.05, L'Ecole d'Orphee: Hacquart, Rameau, Couperin.† 10.00, Scientifically Speaking: Movement of Polar ice caps. 10.50, Song and piano recital: Faure. 11.25-11.30, News.

4

6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living world. 9.35, Finger on the Pulse. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Simenon's Maigret. 11.50, First Impression. Childhood Books, with Denis Norden. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, The Men from the Ministry. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: The Test. 4.00, News. 4.05, Have You Heard This One? 4.35, Story: The Wind Cannot Read. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.30, Quote . . . Unquote. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, I'm Safe, Fly Me: The safety of air travel. 8.00, The Best Loved English Painter: The life of John Constable. 9.00, Science Now. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, Virtuoso: Serge Rachmaninov, pianist. 11.00, A Book at Bedtime: Cider with Rosie. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.00-12.03 am, Inshore Forecast.

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BALME.—On July 11th to Jane (née Moens) and Anthony—a daughter.

CALLAN.—On July 11th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Siofil (née Fields) and Paul—a son (James Henry Charles), a brother for Jessica.

COPLAND.—On July 11th, at West Cheshire Hospital, to Katrina (née Hoyle) and Peter—a daughter (Julia Frances).

DAVIS.—On July 7th at Colchester Military Hospital, to Vivienne and Major Michael Davis—a son (Richard Roderick Leigh), a baby brother for Susannah and William.

DAY.—On July 12th, at Kingston, to Rosanna (née Potter) and John—a daughter (Catherine Elizabeth).

DUNTHORNE.—On July 11th to Kirstine (née Brander) and Hugh—a sister for Anna.

FIDLER.—On July 12th, at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Elise (née Matthews) and Tony—a daughter (Amber Fenella).

GIBBS.—On 10th July to Juliet and Julian—a son.

HUMFREY.—On 7th July, to Enid (née Thomas) and Charles—a daughter (Susannah Caroline Mary).

McDONALD.—On 10th July, in Southampton, to Stuart and Sonia (née Woodley)—a son.

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WESLEY.—On July 11th, in Chester, to Ann (née Bush) and Peter—a son (Matthew), friend for Tedward and Pottie.

MARRIAGES

AFFLECK:SMELLIE.—At St. Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen, on July 9th, 1977, Iain Robert, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Affleck of Edinburgh to Ruth Buchanan, younger daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Smellie, of Liverpool.

O'REGAN : HARCHAOUI.—On July 8th, Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. O'Regan, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, and Amina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harchaoui, of Algiers.

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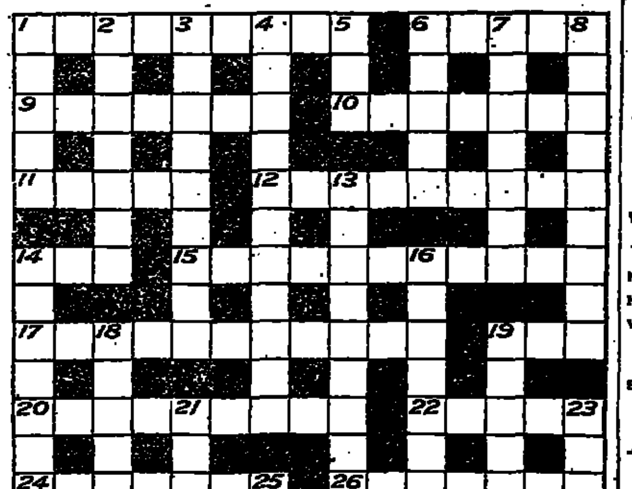

ACROSS
1 A profiteering poodle-parlour ? (4-5).
6 The French writer returns to an Asian kingdom (5).
9 Vessel—in a rough sea ? (7).
10 Bottom part (7).
11 "—— and resisting the Guard" (Kipling) (5).
12 Business house meant trouble—heavens ! (9).
14 Good for a run—or good for dismissal ? (3).
15 Bearing witness it's a dry eastern place (11).
17 Made return to table for the last course ? (6, 5).
19 Silver setting for Gaunt's precious stone (3).
20 Nobs hob-nobbing ? (4-1-4).
22 Does this course get us right in the money, or ruined ? (5).
24 Like Dawn, or Laura possibly (7).
26 A form of honk—some called it Ionian (7).
27 Strongholds permanently for this (5).
28 River wine of Spain consumed by a prince (9).

DOWN
1 Darts scorer ? Not with Misses Buss and Beale (5).
2 Enter unbidden, throwing tin around—vulgar ! (7).
3 Browning wondered what porridge he had (4, 5).
4 Fire a butler—misbehaving ? Can't be denied (11).
5 A minor strike, cock (3).
6 She supplies the standard article (5).
7 Its grandeur one that is risen from its ashes ? (7).
8 Mainly Portugal that went under in 1915 (9).
13 Declaring again one's possessions, many in property income (11).
14 Retrace one's steps—with a "K" cart ? (9).
16 Kidnap job—do it Cuban version (9).
18 One of nine from Europe dropping round about half-term (7).
19 It includes ratings in power of endurance (7).
21 Tapestry meant curtains for one at Elsinore (5).
23 He gets new centre-half from this place (5).
25 Record, going round a circuit (3).

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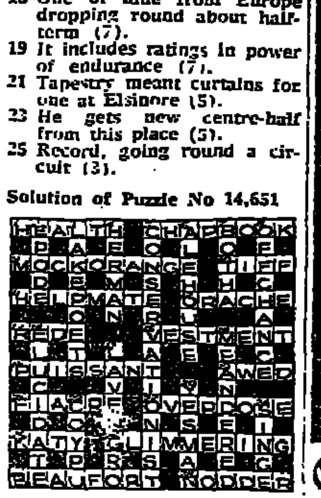

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SWANNELL : SCOTT.—On 9th July, quietly in London, Graham, youngest son of Major and Mrs. W. Swannell, of Brockett Hall, Welwyn, Herts, to Nicola, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. F. Scott, of Orchard House, High Halden, Kent.

DEATHS

BRYCESON.—On July 8th, 1977, very suddenly Maurice Alan younger son of the late Sir Arthur and Lady Bryceson, and much loved brother of Kathleen and Kenneth. Service at St. Mary-the-Boltons Church on Monday, July 18th at 2.30 p.m. followed by private cremation. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon, 01-937 0757.

CLARK.—On July 6th, suddenly, aged 69, at home, Harold Watson, husband of Audrey Ruth Frances, father of Simon and Nigel. Family funeral took place privately on July 12th.

CLIFTON, DAVID ANTHONY.—On 11th July, 1977, in hospital, after a short illness, much beloved husband of Veronica and dearly loved father of Christopher and Timothy. Private cremation for family and close friends. Family flowers to John Nodes and Son, 207, Westbourne Grove, London, W.11. If desired, donations to Royal Naval Life Boat Institution, West Quay Rd., Poole, Dorset. Memorial Service to be arranged in London at a later date.

DAVENPORT.—On 10th July, while water skiing in Hongkong, Andrew Charles, aged 28, dearly loved youngest son of Poppy and the late Hugh Davenport, and brother of Christine, Michael, David and Kate.

DAVIS.—On 11th July, 1977, Captain Frank Gordon Davis, O.B.E. Aged 92.

DUDLEY-BROWN.—On July 10th, peacefully, Dorothy Alice, aged 85 years, widow of Lionel Dudley-Brown, beloved mother of Margaret and mother-in-law of Eric, also dearest "B" of her grandchildren, Michael and Diana, and five great-grandchildren. Inquiries to Stuart Horsler Ltd., 32 Norman Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea (0424) 437147. Family flowers only.

GAIRDNER.—On 11th July, 1977, Ruth, wife of W. T. Gairdner, mother of Judith and Jamie, peacefully at her home, 115 Niagara Street, Winnipeg, Canada, aged 65. Donations to Winnipeg Women's Musical Society Scholarship Fund.

GINGELL.—On 8th July, at Brompton Hospital, John Gordon Gingell, aged 63 years, of Norwood Green, Southall. Funeral service at 11 a.m. at King's Hall Southall Middlesex, on Friday, 15th July, followed by cremation at South West Middlesex Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to A. Cain (Funeral Services), Ltd., 5H Coldharbour Lane, Hayes, Middlesex.

HEROYS.—On 12th July 1977, at Orpington Hospital, Vladimir Heroys, of Old Stables, Shipbourne, Kent, after a long illness borne quietly and with great courage. Private funeral service on Friday, 15th July at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

KERR.—On 11th July 1977 at the Dower House, Melbourne, Derbyshire, Lieut.-Col. Sir Louis William Howard Kerr, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., O.B.E., late 11th Hussars (Royal Hussars). Dear husband of Christina and father of Henry, Andrew and Julian. Funeral private at Melbourne, on Friday, 15th July 1977. A Requiem Mass will be said in London at a date to be announced later.

PASSMORE.—On July 11th, Lieutenant Commander Francis William Albert Passmore, rtd., peacefully in Cape Town after a long illness. Inquiries Wilmslow 25112.

PRICHARD.—On July 11, 1977, at The Vineyard, Sparepenny Lane, Farningham, Kent, Beatrice Annette (Trixie). Service at St. Paul's Church, Swanley Village, on Friday, July 15, at 2 p.m., followed by private cremation at Eltham Crematorium. Flowers please, to The Leverton Funeral Service, 46 East Hill, Dartford. Telephone Dartford 25216.

RICHMOND.—On 11th July, 1977, Veronica Ritchie (Bunty) (nee Romer), aged 56, late of Downton, Wiltshire, and Godshill Wood, Fordingbridge. Cremation private.

STIRLING-STUART.—On 11th July at Malmesbury, aged 86 years, Major D. R. C. (Cuddy), late Royal Scots Greys. Loved father of Jean, Anne and Val. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Hornby, near Bedale at 3 p.m. on Friday, 15th July. Memorial service at Malmesbury Abbey at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 22nd July. Flowers to Hornby Church or donations to the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Association, Home Headquarters, The Castle, Edinburgh.

SUMMERSCALE.—On 10th July, 1977, following a road accident, Nellie Summerscale, much loved wife of Sir John, and mother of Anne, Peter, Jack and Claire. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, on Friday, 15th July, at 3 p.m.

TALBOT-SMITH.—On 11th July, 1977, peacefully, in hospital, Capt. Gerard Talbot-Smith, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N. (retired), aged 67 years, adored husband of Lydia and a much loved father, grandfather and brother. Cremation private. A service of thanksgiving for his life will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 19th July, at Christ Church, Shamley Green, Surrey.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GULBENKIAN.—To mark the twenty-second anniversary of the death of Mr Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian a Memorial Service will be held at the Armenian Church of Saint Sarkis, Iverna Gardens, London, W.8, on Sunday, 17th July at 12 noon after the celebration of the Divine Liturgy which will commence at 11 am.

WALKER.—A service will be held in memory of Herbert Walker at Coventry Cathedral on Friday, 15th July at 5 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

CLARK-MAXWELL.—Remember Nancy, July 13, 1968.

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MRS. MAGGIE NEWSAM deceased

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BLAND, FLORENCE KATHLEEN MAY BLAND, spinster, late of 3 Longfield Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire, died there on 21st July, 1976. (Estate about £6,400).

COOKMAN, LEONARD WILLIAM FREDERICK COOKMAN otherwise **LEONARD WILLIAM FRANK GOODMAN,** late of 33a Worple Road, Wimbledon, London, SW20, died at Wimbledon on 30th April, 1976. (Estate about £3,000).

FENNER nee **COOK, DORA REBECCA FENNER** otherwise **DOROTHY REBECCA FENNER** nee **COOK,** widow, late of 7 Cranes Meadow, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Dorset, died at Yeovil, Somerset, on 27th January, 1977. (Estate about £2,900).

FRENCH, THOMAS HENRY FRENCH, late of 45 Grisedale Road, Peterlee, Co. Durham, died at Hartlepool, Co. Cleveland on 28th September, 1974. (Estate about £3,450).

GIBBONS, EDWARD GIBBONS, late of Site Caravan, Grafton Bridge, Barnsley, Yorkshire, died at Rotherham, Yorkshire on 19th October, 1976. (Estate about £8,600).

HUNTLEY, ROBERT HOPE HUNTLEY, late of 38 Amberley Road, Rustington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, died there on 2nd May, 1977. (Estate about £2,000).

HUTTON, GEORGE JOHN HUTTON, late of 35 Colwyn Road, Northampton, died at Northampton on 14th February, 1977. (Estate about £12,700).

MILLER nee **JOBSON, PAULINE MARY MILLER** otherwise **PAULINE MARY MARTIN MILLER** otherwise **PAULINE MARY CHARLOTTE JOSEPHONE MARTIN MILLER** nee Jobson, widow, late of 105 Church Street, Staines, Middlesex, died there on 5th December, 1976. (Estate about £36,400).

VILE, FRANCES MARY VILE otherwise **FRANCES VILE,** spinster, late of Woodcroft House, Innscourt Road, Knowle, Bristol, Avon, died at Bristol on 9th January, 1977. (Estate about £7,500).

WACKETT nee **READ, HARRIET ELLEN WACKETT** nee **READ,** widow, late of Linwood, Mercer Close, Thames Ditton, Surrey, died there on 6th December, 1975. (Estate about £7,000).

WENTWORTH nee **GRAY, DORIS WENTWORTH** nee **GRAY,** widow, late of 132 Kings Avenue, Watford, Hertfordshire, died at Watford on 30th July, 1976. (Estate about £20,000).

WOODLEY, VIOLET PRIOR WOODLEY otherwise **VIOLET MARY PRIOR WOODLEY** otherwise **VIOLET MAY WOODLEY,** spinster, late of 4 Gravell Hill, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, died at Henley-on-Thames on 14th February, 1977. (estate about £16,000).

YATES, HENRY FREDERICK YATES, late of 29a Clarence Parade, Southsea, Hampshire, died at Midhurst, West Sussex on 21st October, 1976. (Estate about £3,000).

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